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## Sparks and Splinters

Rev. W. C. Sledge goes from Doddsville to Shaw and he has begun his work in the new pastorate.

Dr. F. C. McConnell goes from the pastorate of First Church, Jacksonville, Florida, to that of First Church, Anderson, S. C.

Dr. V. H. Cowser will spend the month of June in Clinton and will be available for evangelistic meetings during the month.

Dr. P. H. Anderson, teacher in the Baptist Bible Institute will assist his former pupil, Dr. L. B. Cobb in a meeting at Union, Miss., June 19-30.

It is said that Rev. W. Clyde Hankins has resigned his pastorate at Cleburne, Texas, to undertake independent missionary work in Brazil, he and his family sailing July 13.

First Church, Brookhaven, had two large congregations on Mother's Day, nine additions, three by baptism; and gave \$184.00 to the Orphanage.

Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven will serve as camp pastor to the boys attending the camp annually provided for them by the W. M. U. of the state, at Castalian Springs, this year June 4-8.

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, begins its revival meeting May 26, with Rev. F. K. Horton assisting Pastor E. J. Blackford. Brother Horton has been greatly used of the Lord in evangelistic work.

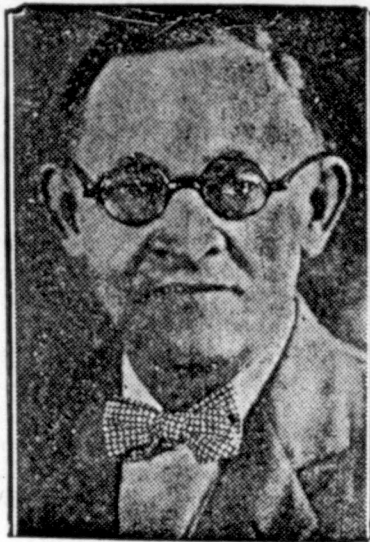
It is understood that at their next meeting, June 4, the pastors in central Mississippi will study the book of Revelation; meeting held in First Baptist Church, Jackson, from 9:30 a. m. to 12 M.

The Commission of Twenty appointed at the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention will meet Thursday of this week. One item for consideration is whether or not to advise the calling of a special session of the State Convention.

The Clarion Ledger of Jackson on Mother's Day gave a good likeness of Mrs. T. J. Bailey of Jackson, the mother of eight, six of whom are still living and reflect honor on their mother. She is the widow of Dr. T. J. Bailey who for fourteen years was the editor of the Baptist Record.

The sympathy of all our Baptist people in Mississippi is with Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Barnhill of Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, in the death of their son. He was a promising student in Mississippi College and a fine Christian youth cut off at the beginning of what promised to be a useful life. Only the grace of God and faith in His infinite goodness and wisdom can comfort in a time like this.

Cleveland: One of the best revivals ever held in the First Baptist Church has just been concluded. There were thirty-two accessions to the church and many lives were rededicated upon the altar of service. Dr. James Middleton of Clinton did the preaching and Mr. W. E. Farr of Cleveland led in the song services. These men made an excellent team and were used of the Lord to lead all hearts to face most seriously the claims of Jesus. Plans are already under way for the return of Dr. Middleton for another series of services.—I. D. Eavenson.



L. G. GATES  
Pastor First Church, Laurel

First Church, Laurel, is this week celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of Dr. L. G. Gates' pastorate. If this sort of thing has ever happened before in Mississippi we do not know it. There have probably been pastorates as long as this in churches with only part-time pastoral service, but we do not know of another in the case of a pastor serving full time. Dr. Gates is a native Mississippian, born in Copiah County, educated at Mississippi College and the Louisville Seminary. After finishing at the Seminary he served a short time in Senatobia, and came to Laurel in 1905. At this time Laurel was just beginning its marvelous development. They had had a great revival meeting under the preaching of Dr. W. A. McComb. Dr. Gates took up the work in a growing church and a fast growing city. He has been a contributing factor in all the spiritual growth of the community. Also he has been a faithful participant and advocate in all denominational work. A great church plant was built; the organization has kept pace with the growth, and today there is a wide awake aggressive membership. The celebration of this thirty-fifth anniversary takes the whole of this week, climaxing in a great day Sunday.

Our sympathy is with brother D. Wade Smith, pastor of Fifth Ave. Church, Hattiesburg, in the death of his wife. She had been for many years a helpmeet for him in all his work for the Master.

Rev. J. H. Street of the West Laurel Baptist Church preached the commencement sermon for the graduating classes of the Jones County A. H. S. and Junior College. There were 1100 within the building who heard the sermon and an estimated 1100 on the outside that heard by the service of a sound system.

Van Winkle: A group of Mississippi College students composed of Cleo Harris, Monkey Mullins, Andy Coltharp, Bill Bean, Ed Heinrick, Jas. Ray Coleman, Ruby Turcott and Ola Sumrall spent the afternoon visiting and met at 5:30 for a sandwich supper at the home of Mrs. F. M. Coleman, young people's superintendent. The B. T. U. hour was used for conferences in all of the departments. Evening worship hour was turned over to the young people, at which time the high school seniors were given a part on the program and a high spiritual hour with one conversion and two additions.

For the first 18 days of May the receipts of the State Convention Board were \$3500.00 ahead of the same time last year.

Rienzi and Wheeler are having the largest congregations in years. The people are delighted with the new pastor, Rev. Joe Cruse.

Poplarville: The work at Poplarville is going the best it has since Dr. L. E. Green became pastor. (They have the EF plan.—A.L.G.)

We have never known an expository preacher the equal of Alexander MacLaren. Every preacher who can ought to own and read carefully his sermons. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., is bringing out his "Expositions of the Holy Scripture" in seventeen volumes. It will sell for \$15.00 postpaid.

The Drew Baptist Church was host to Mr. Mize and a group of children from the Orphanage on Mother's Day. The children presented an interesting program under the leadership of Mr. Mize and the Drew Baptist Church showed its appreciation and interest in the work of the Orphanage by giving \$450.00 to their building fund. Pastor Spell was especially gratified at the fine response of his people.

Brother H. W. Roberson who has been serving the church at Pearson in Rankin County has begun his pastorate at Brandon, while still serving Pearson. The pastor's home has been thoroughly remodeled, and the pantry well stored. They plan to build eight Sunday school rooms. The church loyalty crusade will begin June 2 and continue to the first week in August closing with a revival. Tuesday night of this week the deacons met at the pastor's home and outlined plans for the work ahead.

The Baptist church at Tuscola held its spring Sunday school study course this week. In spite of the busy farming season, the attendance was very pleasing. Rev. P. D. Bragg of Carthage taught the book, "The Moral Dignity of Baptism" and the pastor taught the book, "Looking at Learning." There were ten who took the examinations. Most of the Sunday school teachers at Tuscola have their diplomas and are now working for seals. Their pastor is very much pleased with the attendance and interest shown. Our Sunday school is growing.—A. A. Ward, Pastor.

Whatever happens, faith in God must not fail. That is our last citadel. "Believe in God; Believe also in me" was Jesus' exhortation to the disciples in the hour when it seemed as if everything was going to pieces. And when he warned Peter of the approaching hour when everybody would forsake Him, He said, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." We are living in the most perilous times which the world has seen for hundreds of years. All the kingdoms of the world are being shaken, that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. It is a time like that in Israel and Judah 600 years before the coming of Jesus, when the world was going to pieces under the hammer of the Assyrians. Out of the confusion you hear the voice of Habakkuk singing: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength." If we have the prophets faith, we will have his courage and can sing his song.

## Sparks and Splinters

Mr. C. M. Managan has resigned as educational secretary for Louisiana Baptists, after three years of service.

Rev. J. B. Smith of Ackerman will remain in the pastorate there declining a call elsewhere as he feels led of the Lord.

What some of us cannot understand is what a million soldiers in Holland and Belgium were doing all the time the Germans were taking possession of their countries.

An invitation comes to attend the graduating exercises of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Tuesday evening, May 1. Our best wishes to this fine group of nurses.

The First Baptist Church of Lumberton made a contribution of \$40.79 to the J. E. Byrd Memorial Building Fund. The Ruth Sunday school class gave \$15.00 of this offering. Mrs. J. E. Miller, a sister of the late J. E. Byrd is teacher of this class.

Prof. M. P. L. Bush, for seventeen years president of Jones County Junior College, goes to the presidency of the State Industrial School at Columbia, leaving Prof. J. B. Young to become president of the Jones County College, of which for ten years he has been vice-president.

When Archbishop Spillman of the Roman Catholic church ridiculed the idea of separation of church and state as a mere shibobeth, he showed himself either ignorant of American ideals or wholly out of sympathy with them. Romanism and Americanism are opposite poles.

Pastor Wm. O. Beaty and the Coldwater church were aided in a genuine revival May 5-12 by Dr. Ira D. Eavenson of Cleveland, who was born in Coldwater, and Singer Gail Dunn of Temple Church, Memphis. There were ten additions to the church by baptism.

Rev. Robert L. Martin of Louise preached four times recently to the church at Philipp. The people were much pleased with his messages and called him as pastor. He will preach for them the second and third Sunday evenings in each month, this time not conflicting with any other service.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert quotes Dr. John A. Ryan of the Catholic University in Washington City as saying that while the Constitution of the United States provides for separation of church and state, constitutions can be changed and non-Catholics may decline to such a point that "the political proscription of them may become feasible and expedient."

All former pastors and members of the Ackerman Baptist Church are invited to the homecoming on the fourth Sunday in May, May 26th. On that day, the church will be fifty-five years old. Mrs. Cole of Philadelphia is the only person living that was in the organization of the church. She plans to be present at the services Sunday when the minutes of the organization of the church are read. Invitations are being mailed to all former pastors and members whose address we can find. Interested persons reading this notice, please tell your loved ones and friends. If you plan to attend, please let us know as soon as possible that we may include you in our plans for entertainment.—J. B. Smith, Pastor.

At times people have spoken of the war in Europe as a "war of nerves." Every war is in some measure a war of nerves. It is when a nation "goes to pieces" in its nerves that its cause is lost. It is a sort of spiritual paralysis. We have seen some Baptists who get jittery at the approach of anything that resembles controversy, or the expression of differences of opinion. It is an indication of an unsound spiritual condition. A man ought to have faith in God as the God of truth; and faith in His word as the expression of that truth. His Convictions ought to be so secure that he will not take the "jimmies" whenever his position is questioned, or assailed. The cure for nervousness is a thorough knowledge of and firm faith in the teachings of the word of God.

J. C. Penny of chain store fame makes the commencement address at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Mrs. Ellsey, a member of First Church, of Springfield, Mo., has been a Baptist for 76 years. She is now 91.

From Mr. Garland McInnis, superintendent of the Immanuel Sunday school, Hattiesburg, we learn that \$15.87 were given to the Orphanage on Mother's Day.

We insist that Baptists are sadly lacking in interest in Christian Education when their schools have fewer students in comparison with our growth in numbers, and the Catholics have increased by 65% in the past twelve years.

Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia delivered the commencement sermon for the Boyle High school Sunday morning and will render a similar service for Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, next Sunday.

Religious freedom means the absolute right of Catholics, Jews, Atheists, Protestants, Baptists, heathen or Mohamedan to preach and teach and practice their religion, or opposition to religion. This is and ought to remain a free country. But don't get it into your head that it is a violation of the principle of religious liberty to show the errors in any religion or in atheism. That privilege and right is an essential part of religious liberty. To prevent it or discourage it is a violation of religious liberty.

Rev. E. S. P'Pool, Station B. Hattiesburg, recently helped in a revival meeting at Brooklyn, Miss. The older members of the church said it was the best in 30 years. From brother Garland McInnis we learn that brother P'Pool was recently in a great meeting in Roberts Memorial Church, Columbus, Ga. The pastor there and he were fellow workers in the evangelistic staff of the Home Mission Board many years ago. Pastor Johnston speaks in highest terms of the preaching and work of the evangelist as preacher and winner of souls.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles." If the world is ever saved it will be by the preaching of the gospel. The gospel is able to save the world. Preach it with that purpose in mind and with faith in its power. Don't wait for the world to be saved by some other means at some future day. Don't place all your hope on the millenium; preach the gospel now. It is, not will be, the power of God unto salvation. It will save a Jew as well as a Gentile. The Jews once believed that it could not and would not save a Gentile. There are Gentile Christians today who believe it cannot or will not save a Jew. You need not be afraid it will fail. Paul was not afraid to try it on anybody. He was not uneasy about being disappointed and put to shame. Give it a trial. Send it to others.

Trial by jury has long been considered a bulwark of liberty and democracy both in Great Britain and in America. To be judged by a jury of one's peers is supposed to be a safeguard against domination by the will of one man, and so it is written into our laws as one of the fundamentals. But some things are happening today which raise questions as to the things which we have regarded as the foundations of democracy. A few days ago some executive officers in Jackson told the writer of flagrant criminals being turned loose by juries when the evidence was against them in a way that could not be overthrown. No effort was made to prove their innocence. None was possible. The case was simply turned over to the jury, and against all instructions of the judge, the jury in five minutes brought in a verdict of not guilty. The only reason that could be assigned was that they were in sympathy with the criminal. If this condition continues there is no hope for democracy. Our social order is rotten to its foundations. If it continues, the only resort is to despotic government, putting the execution of the law into the hands of one man, who alone will be held responsible. Despotism or anarchy are the only alternatives. Comes Hitler or the Ku Klux Klan.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "FUNERALS" (Continued)

The ministry of a funeral service is for the living. Taken all and all there has been a great improvement in the ministry of pastors in this respect in the last twenty-five years.

There are, however, survivals of phrases that both undertakers and pastors would do well to avoid. To me one of the most insane and foolish remarks that was ever made and which we have heard repeated dozens of times is, "the service will be concluded at the grave or cemetery." Where else could you conclude the service? Everybody knows it. It is an unfortunate and unhappy suggestion. The thing to do is to have the service so arranged that nothing need be said since everybody knows what the next step will be.

We believe that a funeral service is preeminently a time for the scriptures to speak and that a pastor much enhances the value of his ministry by memorizing all the scripture that is necessary for him to use at a funeral and reading it from memory. I have done this for years and it has proved to be one of the finest things I ever did. Reading out of a funeral book may be necessary to meet some special cases but we serve better if we memorize so that we can look at the people when we read the word of God to them at the time when the heart is tender and the soul is more disposed to hear what the Bible says.

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Announcement is made of the approaching marriage in June of Rev. Ralph Bishop Winders and Miss Mary Virginia Nourse. The prospective groom is from New Albany, Miss., an alumnus of the University of Mississippi and of the Louisville Seminary. The lady is from Gainsville, Mo., and has taught at Munfordsville, Ky.

It is a violation of religious liberty to compel any man to pay for the support of any religious institution with whose principles he is not in agreement. So it is to compel a man to pay taxes, or to take tax money which he has paid to provide for schools of a religious body whose tenets he does not approve. Baptists should fight shy of it that their hands may be free to fight against it.

Since he began his pastorate of Bellevue Church in Memphis Dec. 11, 1927 Dr. R. G. Lee has baptized 2,002 people. Eight were baptized May 12, and 21 others joined. At the beginning of Dr. Lee's ministry the church had a membership of 1400. Now there are 5217. In the past twelve years an average of twelve have been received each Sunday. Since Dec. 11, 1939 there have been 311 new members received.

Prophecy is not primarily and essentially foresight but divinely inspired insight. The prophet is not a fore-teller, in his first function, but a speaker-for God. His insight is first of all into the character of God; consequently into the principles by which God controls and works in history; then, incidentally, and where it is important for the purposes of the prophetic preaching, prediction of what God will do at some future stage of history.—W. O. Carver.

An inspiring student service was held Sunday evening, May 12, in the Senatobia Church under the auspices of the Baptist Student Union recently organized at Northwest Junior College. Accepting an invitation from Pastor H. L. Martin, a group of students from Ole Miss, headed by Miss Marian Leavell, student secretary, presented a program which made a deep impression on the large audience. The visiting students were Miss Christine Wright and Cecil Bolton of Corinth, Carl Johnston of Calhoun City, Lester Franklin, Jr., of Jackson, and Jerome Maxwell of Drew. Following the service the visitors, together with the members of the local B. S. U. Council, were entertained informally by Dr. and Mrs. Martin and the ladies of the Missionary Society.

## EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge, Biloxi

### Every Christian Should Know That God Answers Prayer.

He should know that through prayer he can move God to do things he would not do apart from prayer.

We have been in revival meetings when for days there were no evidence of God's presence or power. Then the people prayed for God to manifest Himself in our midst, to revive us and save the lost, and he did so. We have seen hard hearted men and women, after God's people had prayed, come down the aisles of the church weeping, confessing their sins, and accepting Christ as Savior and Lord.

Every Christian should know that if he is on good terms with Jesus, he may ask for whatsoever he will, and it shall be done unto him. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and My word abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Some years ago an invalid woman in England received a paper in which was given an account of a revival being conducted in Chicago by a man named Moody. She had never heard of him, but when she read his message, it made her heart burn, and she prayed God to send him to her own church in order that he might preach there and that her church might be revived and the souls about her saved. Jesus said, "Father, a friend of mine is asking that we send Moody from Chicago to her church in England that he might hold a meeting there, wont you send him?" The Father replied, "Yes." God spoke to Moody, but he did not recognize the voice. Moody said, "I think I shall go to Europe and see how they do the Lord's work there. It may be I can get some suggestions for improving my own ministry." So Moody went to Europe. In London, God said, "Go hear Spurgeon." He did so, and when the meeting was thrown open, Moody stood and spoke a few words. At the close of the meeting a minister came to Moody and requested him to preach in his church the following Sunday morning and evening. While preaching, the power of God came in such force upon the preacher and congregation that a revival broke out and Moody had to remain for a meeting in which four hundred were saved in ten days. On the first day Moody preached, the family of the invalid returned home and said to her, "What do you think? A visiting preacher preached for us today. He is from America." The woman said, "What is his name?" They replied, "His name is Moody." When the woman heard it, she grew pale. She was overcome. She said, quietly, "I know what this means." Until then, no one but she and God knew that she had asked the Father to send the preacher from America to her own church to preach. She prayed. God answered.

A young man went to Mississippi College. He had no money, but we encouraged him to go by faith and works. After a time it seemed impossible for him to remain longer. He prayed God to help him. Jesus said, "Father, a friend of ours in Mississippi College has gone his limit and is now depending upon us, wont you help him?" The Father said, "Yes, we have a friend in a little town in north Mississippi who has more money than she needs, I will tell her to help him." That night the woman was awakened out of sleep and in the stillness and quietness of the night, God said to her, "There is a worthy young man struggling to get through school, but he can't make the grade without help. Why don't you help him?" She said, "I will, but where is he, and who is he?" God said, "Write your friend in Clinton to tell you his name." She did so. In the meantime, God spoke to us. He said, "Hodge, go to Clinton." We went, and while there called to see a friend. While visiting this friend, a letter came from a woman in north Mississippi, saying that she wanted to help some worthy young man who could not get through college without help, and would appreciate his recommending such a student. This friend asked if we knew of such a student. We gave the name of the

## RADIO PROGRAM—WCOC—MARCH 7, 1940

### "THE CHRISTIAN'S SHIPS—Disciple-Ship

By J. L. Boyd, Meridian, Miss.

Disciple-Ship—Christian-ship is our subject today. A disciple is a learner, one who follows in the foot-steps of another, or sits at the feet of another to imbibe the spirit and knowledge of the other.

#### I. DISCIPLE-SHIP INVOLVES STUDY

Which is the first duty of the learner, or disciple. The first rule of this school of Christ is contained in II Tim. 2:15:—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed (or embarrassed) rightly dividing the word of truth."

The twelve apostles of Jesus Christ were first called disciples, learners, followers, and later were chosen for special duties of apostle-ship and ordained for that distinctive work. But they ever afterward remained disciples; that is, learners, and so should every one, regardless of any promotion that might come one's way as a Christian.

The disciple, or learner, in this school of Christ has a Book as a text in which he or she should be a diligent student, reading and meditating upon its teachings daily in order to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That book is the Book of Books, the Bible. It is the Manual of Arms of the Christian, the sword of the Spirit with which the Christian cuts down all opposition and makes his way through, and over, and around the wicked forces that would hinder progress in Godly living and Christian service. The newly born Christian is not to be censured for his ignorance of the Bible; but he or she cannot be excused for remaining ignorant of its fundamental teachings—that is, a working knowledge of it—in this land of Bibles, where there are so many facilities for learning the lessons contained in its sacred pages.

Every Christian ought to be a disciple of Christ, in the true sense. But every Christian is not, in the truest sense of the word. Since a disciple means primarily a learner, numbers of professed Christians are not, in truth and reality. They have either graduated or quitted,—and most of them just quitted before they got very far in the Christian life and growth. They are woefully ignorant of God's word, and every thing else pertaining to his kingdom's progress in the world. And the tragedy of it is they are doing nothing about it, except to remain so, right on down through the days and years of their lives. They never go to Sunday School or preaching service; they never read a church or denominational paper or magazine, and scarcely ever read the Bible in their homes. They do not seem interested in these things that make for true Christian disciple-ship.

It is appalling and tragic in view of the fact that they do not seem to care. They remind us of the preacher who, it is said, boasted of his ignorance, publicly, once upon a time, in these words. "Thank God I am ignorant, and getting ignorant all the time!" Such a trend is not to be boasted of, to our way of thinking, in the life's experience of any Christian. It is certainly not living up to one's privileges and duties as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. "To be ignorant is the malady of the ignorant," some one has said. And another says, "There is no calamity like ignorance."

It is reported that on Sept. 14, 1919 a woman in England died at the age of 100 years who had never heard of the World War. She lived a few miles from London, within 100 miles of the booming of giant cannon and the awful struggle in France, and several relatives of hers died on the field of battle, but in her advanced age, her immediate family kept her in ignorance of the facts.

We are fond of singing, "Like a mighty army, Moves the Church of God." Yet, there are thousands of members of that army who know

young man who had prayed, and the woman made it possible for him to remain in school. He prayed. God answered.

very little about the war the army is in. Thousands of church members who know so little, and next to nothing, of the campaign of Prince Immanuel, or the exploits of the Christian Expeditionary Forces in our own land and across the sea, wherever the battle of the kingdom of God presses. The church of God loses tremendous power through the ignorance of her members.

#### II. DISCIPLE SHIP INVOLVES SACRIFICE

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, (be my disciple) let him deny himself." This does not mean to simply cut down on one's eating, live on a diet, or to observe stated fasts, necessarily; nor does it mean to limit oneself to a few worldly sinful amusements, with a sanctimonious and pious declaration that a sacrifice has been made for the Master's sake. It means simply what it says, "Deny himself," that is, use a blotter on self. Blot self out in the presence of Christ; eliminate self in favor of the Lord's will and say; count self out, and let Christ speak, instead.

This means, in its application to the Christian's life, that Christ is Lord, and Lord of all. Truly, he deserves and demands to be just that. "He is Lord of all, or he is not Lord at all." He must have the first place in life of the child of God. if one is to be a true disciple.

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## THE MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

### Adopted

The Ministers Retirement Plan was adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting in Jackson, November, 1939.

### Approved

Many churches and their pastors have already approved the plan in church conferences. Many more churches will approve the plan before July 1, 1940.

### Applications

About 100 pastors and around 130 churches have sent in their applications in duplicate to Baptist Headquarters. There are about 50 more pastors and their churches that we know of whose applications have not come in—already approved.

Your applications are necessary before a definite count can be made. Please send them to Rev. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., at once.

### Actuary's Approval

Before the plans become operative the applications must be approved by the actuary of the Relief and Annuity Board of Dallas, Texas. This is done for the protection of both the churches and the ministers. We all are desirous to have a plan that will be actuarially sound, so that those who become disabled and those who retire can receive the maximum benefits.

### Active Operation

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Ministers Retirement Plan will become actively operative July 1, 1940.

### All

All active Baptist pastors of churches cooperating with the Baptist Convention Board of Mississippi are eligible to participate in this plan. The plan is for you.

Your cooperation will help those who fall in the service through the years.

C. J. Olander.

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In the past week we have seen groups of boys and girls on the streets or highways almost any time of the day. They are now being released from school and many of them are wanderers or idle or in danger of wasting a good part of their lives. There is a great responsibility on some of us, possibility all of us, to see that the slack is taken up in these young lives with abounding energy. It is a time for relaxation, recreation or change of employment. Something ought to be done to prevent serious loss. You may think of some way to do this. There is no better way than have part of this time of vacation taken up in the Daily Vacation Bible school. If you have had one in your church, you know something of its value. If you have not, you will do well to take it up with brother E. C. Williams, Sunday school secretary for Mississippi and get his assistance.

# EDITORIALS

## A PRAYER FOR POWER

Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays for the Ephesian Christians that they may know "what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of the strength of His might, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised His from the dead, and made Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

This petition of Paul is the third in the prayer under discussion. The other two were that their eyes might be opened to know the hope of His calling (what He meant them to become), and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, what value God put upon the products of His redemption. Here in this third petition is indicated the greatest need of Christian people today, or of any day, a realization of the power of God which is to be exercised in them and through them for saving and serving a lost world.

One hardly needs to be told that in every department of life in every field of endeavor the crying demand is for power. Without this every factory stands still; all the world's enterprises are paralyzed. This is true in the machinery of war or the projects of peace. But above all it is true in our churches. Men are saying the pulpit has lost its power; the churches have lost their power. It would be interesting to make your own study of what the Bible has to say about Power. "Power belongeth unto God." "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." "No word of God is without power." "To them gave He power to become the sons of God," and on and on. But our business now is with this paragraph in Ephesians. If we can realize that we are not in possession of the power that belongs to us, we are ready to make a beginning.

There was a time when men knew nothing of the power of steam, or gasoline, or electricity, or of hydraulic power. We are still ignorant of the power that lies latent in the minds of men. We are possibly on the edge of further and great discoveries. But what the world needs today more than anything else is spiritual power for bringing about moral results in the transformation of men and of the world. And what we need to know is that this spiritual power is within the reach of men and has been provided for men, is available for men. It is the power of God "to usward."

When we realize that we are weak when we might have power we will begin to long for it, look for it, pray for it, not to be without it. Paul prayed for it. He is our example. He also said it was for us "who believe." Only believers in Jesus have the right to it, or would make proper use of it. Not only is it limited to them, but it is given to those actually believing. The way to power is by faith. "According to your faith so be it." If we believe that God is all-powerful, and believe that this power is to usward, we may reach out and claim His power for our own transformation, and for our own endowment for effective service. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

His power toward us and in us is according to the power He exhibited in raising up Christ. God does not mean that there shall be any waste of power. The power that was exercised in the raising of Jesus is available today. The power shown in His resurrection was for the purpose of making His power available to us. And just as much power as was necessary for and used in His resurrection, just so much is made sure to us; "according to the strength of His might He wrought in Christ." That is what Paul desired when he said, "That I may know Him and the

power of His resurrection." And again Paul says, "Whereunto I toil, striving according to His power which worketh in me mightily." To have raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him to the right hand of God above all power, would have been a useless expenditure of power, if this same power had not been available for its working in men.

There is no man who ever wrote who could express himself more fully and forcefully than Paul. And he never put more into words than he did when he wrote this sentence about the "Exceeding greatness of His power to usward." It is nothing short of omnipotence harnessed for the benefit of believers. And this power is made manifest, shown to be actual and available, by the raising of Jesus from the dead and his exaltation to the highest place of authority in the universe of God. He has put all things under His feet. He has made Him head over all things. And He has given Him, who is head over all things, to the church. He is "the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." Or as it is written in the fourth chapter, "He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things." There is not a need that he cannot fill. There is no want He will not supply. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

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## DID YE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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This was the question that Paul asked of "certain disciples" at Ephesus on his third missionary journey: "Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?" Manifestly there was something in these twelve men which made Paul fear there was something incomplete or faulty in their Christian experience. "He that is spiritual discerneth all things," and Paul having the Spirit of God detecteth something lacking here. And he was convinced that the thing which was lacking was the Spirit of God in their hearts. He was unwilling to pass over this as a matter of no consequence, and he begins to probe their hearts with the above question.

It developed that not only had they no conscious experience of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, but they did not even know that anybody else had such an experience. It is difficult to know exactly their answer, whether they said, "We did not know that the Holy Spirit had been given," or "We did not know that there was such a person as the Holy Spirit." In either case it revealed the worst kind of situation. They seemed to know nothing of the Holy Spirit, and so were not Christians at all, though ignorantly counting themselves "disciples."

When they had answered Paul's first question, he asks them another, somewhat in surprise, "Into what then were ye baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." They did not mean that John had baptized them. But that they had been baptized with the purpose to express what John's baptism expressed. In this they were mistaken, for Paul shows them that they did not understand the meaning of John's baptism. If anybody was really baptized properly understanding John's baptism, his baptism was genuine, and did not have to be repeated, nor followed by any other so-called Christian baptism. Probably all the twelve apostles were baptized by John, and were never baptized anymore. John's baptism was perfectly valid if it was accepted with proper understanding. It is not enough for one to have the proper administrator, and the proper form; it must be undergone with proper understanding of its meaning. Paul in the sixth chapter of Romans, speaking of baptism, says, "Ye obeyed from the heart the mold of teaching unto which ye were delivered." Baptism is not simply an immersion, it is an immersion with the right purpose and intent in mind. And these men didn't have it. They not only knew nothing about the Holy Spirit, they didn't know Jesus.

Paul said to them, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him who should come after him, that is on Jesus." "Repentance toward

God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" are necessary in anybody who submits to baptism. If these are absent, however sincere the applicant, there can be no baptism. These men were sincere; they were perfectly willing to be taught and led in the right way. And when they saw their mistake, they lost no time in correcting it. "And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus."

An inquiry into whether or not we have received the Holy Spirit may lead to important consequences. It is certainly worth asking, and it is surely worth careful investigation. Certainly any Christian experience that does not include acquaintance with the Holy Spirit is seriously defective. There should be some experience with the Spirit which will give assurance to those professing discipleship, both for our own assurance, and that we may be able to carry to others the grace of God and the blessing of the gospel. A grain of wheat hid in the hand of an Egyptian mummy will stay there for thousands of years without germinating, and the gospel truth will never fruit in us apart from the presence and working with power of the Holy Spirit of God.

How did it happen that these men were without this vital experience of the Holy Spirit? They said they knew nothing about there being any Holy Spirit. They had not been taught. Their instruction was not what it ought to have been. An incomplete gospel had been given them. They had never heard of pentecost. They had no New Testament. And those who preached to them apparently knew nothing of it. From the verses preceding the ones we are discussing, we learn that Apollos had come to Ephesus and had preached eloquently. He was mighty in the Old Testament Scriptures, and he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus. But it was said of him that he knew only the baptism of John.

But when Aquilla and Priscilla heard him they took him unto them and expounded the way of God more accurately. They probably told him about the coming of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist had said, "I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire." John's baptism was prophetic of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes up the work of Christ, bears witness to him and enables us to carry on his work with power.

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Mr. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., has sailed for Europe re-entering the field of journalism. He was in London and Geneva and Paris from 1927 to 1935. He goes to Naples, Rome, Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia and Istanbul, but his plans are subject to change.

Brother G. M. Harbin, a student in Mississippi College is pastor at Leaf River Church, Smith County. May 12 the church celebrated his third anniversary. The largest congregation in three years. There was a heart stirring program at the Sunday school hour of Mother's Day. The second Sunday in June the church observes Home Coming Day. All friends and relatives invited. At ten o'clock the young people will give a program. At 11:30 Dr. M. O. Patterson will preach. Singing in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 16, marked the close of a revival at the Lyon Baptist Church, Riverside Association, B. Frank Smith, pastor. Dr. Howard E. Spell, pastor of the Drew church, brought two messages daily, the morning group being a series of expositions from Ephesians which reflected careful study and proved exceedingly practical and interesting. Mr. J. L. Moran of Picayune, a sophomore at Mississippi College, led the music. His work was marked by ability and consecration and proved most acceptable. The Lyon saints are expressing gratitude to their pastor for his selection of these two good men. Eight people came into the church during the series, with one other making a profession but being still undecided about his church affiliation. Others are expected to come soon. The attendance was unusually good.

Birmingham will invite the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in that city in 1941. The Sunday School Board was instituted at the meeting in Birmingham fifty years ago next year.

The Hillman College Alumnae Association will hold its regular annual meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, at 5:30. All former students are invited to be present.

**Forest:** Dr. S. S. (Sam) Hill of Deer Park Church in Louisville is to be with me in my meeting this time. He will be here for his first service Monday night, May 20, and will continue through Sunday, May 26. Jack Perkins is to lead the singing.—A. B. Wood, Pastor.

It should be of interest to Mississippians to know that two of the three men receiving the Doctor's Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at their regular commencement exercises this year were from Mississippi. These men were Dr. James B. Leavell of Leland and Dr. Howard E. Spell of Drew.

**Dr. J. B. Quin, who teaches the Bible in Southwest Miss. Junior College, presented 86 certificates to the young men and young women who took the work in his department. This was at the commencement last Friday. On Sunday morning he preached the commencement sermon for the Summit High school.**

It was our privilege to preach for Pastor J. A. Barnhill at Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, last Sunday morning and evening. He preached the commencement sermon for the Hattiesburg High school, his younger son being a member of the graduating class. We found here a large percent of the congregation were long-time friends and all of them readers of the Baptist Record as it goes into every home.

The Okolona Baptist Training Union of the Okolona Baptist Church had its enlargement campaign the week of May 5. There were four classes studying the Manual. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Patterson, taught the adults. Mr. Auber J. Wilds, the seniors, Rev. W. E. Ferguson from Tupelo, the intermediates, and Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds the juniors. Many contacts were made, new leaders enlisted and two new unions organized. The school was well attended each night and closed with an enrollment of 67. The school was climaxed with a social and during the social hour the director, Mrs. Samson Stone, in a few well-chosen words, presented each worker with a gift and expressed her appreciation of the fine work that had been done during the week.

**"He that endureth to the end shall be saved."** The danger with Baptists is that having contended through centuries for certain fundamental Christian principles, and having brought a large part of the world to see the truth, they may now slacken in their devotion to these principles. There was a time when Baptists were almost the only people who contended for the separation of the functions of church and state. Now many others express their adherence to this principle. To fail now when an effort is made to confuse the minds of people on this subject by sending an ambassador to the head of the Catholic Church is to be false to all we have believed on this subject through centuries.

**Charleston:** It was my very great pleasure to be with Rev. E. H. McElroy and the good people of Charleston in a revival meeting April 15 through April 25. The pastor had made good preparation for the meeting. I have not found a people more responsive to the preaching of the Gospel. Rev. Harry Beckman of Owensboro, Ky., conducted the song services and had a meeting with the children and young people once each day. He is one of the best I know with boys and girls. Two came for baptism the night after we left. In all there were 26 for baptism and eight by letter, a total of 34. Those for baptism ranged in age from about nine to fifty. There were juniors, intermediates, seniors, and adults. The pastor did much personal work and also many of his members. All in all it was a good meeting. It was good to be there. The Lord still blesses the preaching of His Word and the work of His people. The Gospel has not lost its power.—A. B. Wood, Forest, Miss.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

### FIGURES REVEAL WORTH OF EF PLAN

Last week the Record carried a list by associations of churches that had a part in the Annie W. Armstrong Home Mission offering. To us it was not a surprise to note that most of the churches making an offering were EVERY FAMILY churches or churches with 50% of their resident families taking the Record.

For instance, in one association every church that contributed has the EVERY FAMILY plan except one. The same is true of another association. The same is true of a third association—every contributing church is on the Record honor roll except one.

A fourth association shows only two churches contributing that did not have the EF plan.

In another association every contributing church was on the Record honor roll except three and the total contributions of these three were less than the contribution of one EF church in that association. The combined membership of the three churches is approximately 440 and the membership of the EF church is about 215.

Another interesting fact brought out in the above figures is that it helps the W. M. U. work to have the EVERY FAMILY plan. The total W. M. U. membership of the three non-E. F. churches mentioned above is 55 out of a church membership of over 400 or 12%. The W. M. U. membership of the EF church is about 80 or 36% of the total church membership and one and one-half times that of the three non-EF churches. So not only are contributions better, but W. M. U. work seems to be better in the EF churches.

Write The Baptist Record today for details of this plan that has already been adopted by over 400 Mississippi Baptist churches.

### NORTH COLUMBIA

A few months ago Rev. W. O. Carter became pastor of North Columbia church in Marion County. We predicted then (judging the future by the past) that it wouldn't be long before he had them taking the Record. We were a good prophet. Recently he sent in a list of more than half the families as Baptist Record subscribers. **NORTH COLUMBIA NOW HAS MORE RECORD READERS THAN ANY CHURCH IN MARION COUNTY.**

Marion County now has subscribers listed as follows: Cedar Grove 3, Route 1 Columbia 1, Goss 1, Columbia 6, Route 3 Columbia 4, **NORTH COLUMBIA 12.**

### MENDENHALL

Rev. C. C. Jones like a certain liquid grows better with age. The longer he stays at Mendenhall the better his people like him. His slight cold gave us the opportunity to preach for him Sunday night. The house was full, an unusual sight and especially for a night service. With Floyd Mahaffey as superintendent, the Sunday school is growing as is the B. T. U. led by Wayne Mangum. Mrs. C. C. Jones is president of the W. M. U. All departments are functioning and the circles are doing good work. Mendenhall has the EVERY FAMILY plan and the pastor says they read and enjoy it.

Simpson County's Record readers are listed as follows: Spring Hill 3, BRAXTON 46, BETHLEHEM 27, D'Lo 3, Antioch 8, PLEASANT HILL 23, R. F. D. Mendenhall 5, MENDENHALL 59, Sanatorium 2, CATO 47, Shivers 3, Kennedy Springs 1, New Hope 2, MAGEE 92, R. F. D. Magee 1, GOODWATER 41, Pine Grove 7, PINOLA 48, STRONG RIVER 32.

### BAPTISTS LEGISLATORS ARE DRY

Analysis of the recent vote in the House of Representatives on a Sillers' amendment to tax liquor reveals that Baptist members of the House cast 65.5% of the total dry vote. Baptist members constitute only 48.5% of the total membership of the House. Of the 68 Baptist members, 53 voted dry and 14 wet, with one absent or not voting. Of the 42 Methodists, 18 voted dry and 18 wet, with six absent or not voting. Of the 16 Presbyterians, five voted dry and 11 voted wet. On a percentage basis, members of these three leading denominations voted: Baptists, 78% dry, 20.6% wet, and 1.4% absent or not voting; Methodists, 42.9% dry, 42.9% wet, and 14.2% absent or not voting; Presbyterians, 31.3% dry and 68.7% wet. Of the total dry vote Baptists cast 65.5%, Methodists 22.2%, and Presbyterians 6.2%.

**The First Baptist Church of Canton gave \$200 to the special Mother's Day offering for the Orphanage.**

**In the Northern Baptist Convention there are 7,445 churches with 1,649,286 members. Their convention is in session at Atlantic City May 21-26.**

**The Conference of the Evangelical Church (Lutheran) meeting May 3 expressed disapproval of the appointment of an ambassador to the pope by President Roosevelt.**

**An interracial conference representing 30,000 Baptists in Indianapolis recently expressed their condemnation of the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.**

**Pastor H. P. Porter is expecting to see Sunday school rooms added to the church building of Concord in Franklin County soon. He will have Joe Bryant of Grove, Texas, to assist him in a meeting the first Sunday in August.—S. S. Sec.**

**Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs and Mrs. W. A. Bell and Miss Frances Traylor of Jackson, returned from a two weeks' visit to Cuba and Florida with overflowing interest in the work of our Home Mission Board in this field of great opportunity.**

**The Hillman College commencement address is to be delivered by Dr. D. Swan Haworth of Vicksburg on June first, and the sermon before the combined graduating classes of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges is to be preached by State Mission Secretary D. A. McCall on Sunday, June second.**

**Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Cobb have the sympathy of friends in the death of their little daughter Virginia Grace at Union last week. She tarried with them only a few hours but left a gracious and lasting memory. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors Hamlet of Decatur and Corder of Philadelphia. It was a most comforting service. May our Father be very near them all. Friends were very kind.**

**Juniper Grove Baptist Church is very happy to have moved in their midst their new pastor, the Rev. B. S. Hilbun of Soso, Miss. Brother Hilbun and his fine family moved down Friday. We feel that their coming to us will be the beginning of a new day for Juniper Grove Church. We are observing preparation week Monday night through Friday night of next week for our Church Loyalty Campaign, which begins June 1st. Pray for us that we shall have a great awakening in the Lord's work.—O. R. Smith.**

**Pastor Howard E. Spell has just closed a revival meeting with the Lyon Baptist church of which Reverend B. Frank Smith is the pastor. Although brother Smith has been on the field a comparatively short time, he has an intimate knowledge of his people and has excellent plans for their work. Good preparation had been made for the meeting. Their Church Loyalty Campaign has resulted in the highest attendance in Sunday school in the last ten years. Brother J. L. Moran, a sophomore in Mississippi College, had charge of the music during their meeting and conducted that part of the service in the finest sort of way. Brother Smith is continuing the same type of leadership for which the former pastors of the Lyon Baptist Church have been noted.**

### CHAPTER III A CRITICISM OF BARTHIANISM By Mark Lowry

To evaluate Barthianism would require considerable time and meditation. In fact, we should have to wait for the recreation of the thinking world to consolidate itself into its various attitudes. We shall, therefore, merely try to indicate a few merits and demerits of Barthianism.

First, we should note that it is but natural for nineteenth century, top-heavy, cock-sure thinking to break down. Evolution and rationalism had taken too much for granted and drawn too heavily upon that which is hypothetical.

The consequent total collapse of the religious idealist's idealism in the twentieth century has not only opened the way for a new, or different outlook, but has forced upon the alert mind a realization of the incompetence of modern society. With all of the boasted knowledge and ethical progress, there is greater danger than ever of race suicide.

For Barthianism to point the way, even though it be sometimes vague, to one who can give relief, is commendable indeed. It is as a finger pointing, at least, to evangelical holiness and its source. The emphasis placed upon faith, and the urge to act upon that faith, is most valuable. The attention drawn to the Word of God as His revelation and to Christ as His Supreme Revelation is refreshing. Many are becoming convinced that mere scientific men and philosophers are not competent to deal with ultimate realities or to minister to man's greatest needs. At least, the thinking world is taking notice of a different way of life, which offers relief from the mire of modern agnosticism and immorality.

Of course, Barthianism has many weaknesses. Kierkegaard and some of his followers were almost hysterical in their rejection of the thought systems of their day. They blindly hurled themselves uncertainly at the feet of the Absolute God. They did not find a clear way, but only a general direction. Barth himself is not just certain what his solutions are to be. Brunner is more sober and safer in his conclusion. It seems that he has had time to meditate on the problem and more nearly find a clear way.

some specific weaknesses should be indicated. First, there is over emphasis on predestination and man's inability. Man is fated to be a sinner and to shudder in his sins, never able to overcome them as he should do in this life. There is not found sufficient assurance of salvation and proper relation to Christ. There is too much blind groping for that which is not clear.

Secondly, there is too little emphasis on the atonement which Christ made for us. The atmosphere about salvation is too hazy. It is by some vague influence that man is changed for the better.

Thirdly, too little account is taken of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the world and, especially, in the heart of the saved. By the Spirit's power the Christian is able and can know. Christ liveth in us by the Spirit and is the hope of glory.

Fourthly, and centrally, the emphasis on revelation is warped and often confusing. Kierkegaard had no conception of the inspiration and power of the Scriptures. His Christ incognito was but a prolongation of Kierkegaard himself. He evidently did not know Christ. Brunner's idea of Christ the Unknown to become known by faith has its merits. It is only by faith that we can apprehend Christ. Yet, even the evil world has always taken notice of Christ and His saints. His idea of the Word of God is probably that it contains God's revelation more than that it is God's revelation. He thought of it as a cradle for Christ in a manner similar to that of Luther. However, as we read his pages, we must realize that he thinks of the Scriptures as a wrapper for Christ. Barth has no adequate conception, much less a portrait, of Christ as a great historic Person. His emphasis on the Word of God is more a blind dogma than an enlightenment. He has no conception of

a progressive revelation. God has spoken, but what has He spoken and how?

In the fifth place, Barthianism can not appeal to very many people. It is too exclusive. In the spirit in which Kierkegaard began, his successors have erred. The emphasis on the individual is not adapted to the average man. The individual of Barthianism would have to be a psychological phenomenon, who could be both impractical and have a childish faith.

After all, are not the Barthians seeking blindly that which we as Baptists have as our heritage—an open Bible with its message of power and the Person, Christ, who touches us in our daily life through the presence and power of His Spirit?

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#### SHALL YOUNG WOMEN CHOOSE CAREERS? College Students Question Wise Leaders in Student Forum Over Powerful Radio Station By Edwin S. Preston, Executive Secretary Shorter College, Rome, Ga.

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"Shall I look forward to a career in the business or professional world or shall I make a home?"—This and other thoughtful questions formed the basis for an interesting forum conducted recently over WSB, the Atlanta Journal's 50,000-watt station, when prominent leaders responded with wise answers. The weekly period of Shorter College at Rome, Georgia, was the setting for the discussion.

During the "Spiritual Deepening Week" at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Dr. Willis A. Fuller, the pastor, had two prominent leaders as speakers. Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas, one of these leaders, and Dr. Fuller joined the forum on the radio. The questions were an outgrowth of work in the class in Ethics taught by Dr. Ralph E. McLain at Shorter College.

A stenographic report of the discussion may be interesting. Mary Vann of Thomasville voiced the inquiries for the students.

Questions and answers follow:

1. What qualities are necessary to make a happy and lasting home or marriage?

I think, without doubt, that our young people should consider very seriously the matter of mental compatibility, and of physical compatibility, but supremist of all, spiritual compatibility and without all three, I do not think that one can build a happy and lasting home. My son said it was a fifty-fifty proposition when he was planning to be married. His father said, "No, it's one hundred per cent on both sides." (Dawson).

2. How should a girl who desires a career and a home combine these so they will work out harmoniously and to the best interests of all concerned?

I do not see that there is any definite conflict between a career and a home. It is quite fortunate if a woman can discover that building a home is within itself a great career and yet I realize that we must face a choice—a choice of a career outside of the home or a successful home. I would much prefer to advocate a combination of the two ideals. Many girls have sufficient ability to be efficient home builders and at the same time have careers outside the home circle. (Fuller).

3. When a girl finishes college is her first duty to her parents if her father is unable to work, or is her first duty to herself for happiness in marriage?

I would think that there could be a happy combination. It would seem to me that such duties would not conflict and I would know that the parent would want that lovely daughter to be

happy above all things, and with some sacrifice on the part of each, I am sure she could go right on with her plans and still be able to help in the home. (Dawson).

4. Should all college girls prepare to enter a definite profession?

I suspect that I belong to the old school. I believe that the home is the oldest institution God gave us, that it represents His highest and deepest wisdom. I would recommend preparation for a definite career, but give first consideration to the home. (Fuller).

5. When one is not particularly talented in any special line how does one go about deciding what vocation to enter?

I think that each girl should follow her bent—in other words, that for which she is talented and that for which she has the opportunity to prepare herself. (Dawson).

6. What would you suggest for the Christian whose occupation makes it impossible to spend the Sunday in worship and rest?

In my thinking, a girl would have to face very seriously the matter as to whether she is not in the wrong occupation, and certainly if it interferes with worship and spiritual development, it would be well if one made a change even at sacrifice. If it is not practicable, if it is possible, I think even most exacting duties would allow some time for worship and rest on the Sabbath. (Dawson).

I think Mrs. Dawson has answered the question very wisely. We must learn sooner or later that successful living depends largely on ability to make wise choices in the realm of real values, and when we speak of worship and rest, we are talking about the things that are necessary to spiritual progress and spiritual progress should be every man's chief aim in life. I would say, change the occupation, if possible; and if not possible, seek opportunity for worship and rest at some other time. (Fuller).

7. Do you suggest working for a few years after graduation from college before marriage?

I think that largely depends upon the young people themselves. If they are mature when they have finished college, then I cannot see why it would be necessary to wait a few years before marriage, but if, as is so often the case now, they are both young, it would be wise, and for the sake of financial security, it might be necessary. It largely depends upon the advantages and the development of the young people. As soon as possible, I think the best thing for two people in love is to get married. (Dawson).

8. What can we as students do to help promote peace not only in the United States of America but in the countries now at war?

That is certainly an important question. I doubt if there is anything that the students can do in the next twenty-four hours to stop this war that is now going on or to prevent war here. One must realize that the cause goes back to economic disorder, racial hatred and prejudice, and the best thing that we can do is to begin to build better homes and to promote fellowship and brotherhood of mankind.

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If your Sunday school or the class merely gave the regular offering on Mother's Day to the Orphanage, it looks like that it did not really give anything, but merely diverted the offering from one purpose to another. Think it over.

We have just read with interest a recently published pamphlet on "The Mourner's Bench," written by Pastor A. M. Overton of Fulton, Miss. Brother Overton believes that the mourner's bench is a hindrance to the saving of souls and often a substitute for the gospel. He once used it in his ministry but when convinced that it was unscriptural abandoned it and now warns people against it. The booklet is in six brief chapters, 32 pages and can be read in half an hour. It is replete with scripture quotations, and historical citations. The author is thoroughly convinced that the mourner's bench is a perversion of the gospel, and that it is his duty to show it to others. The tract may be had of the author for 15c each, or ten cents in quantities of ten or more.

## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship \* Serve \* Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

### I

Over half of the \$5454.18 granted Woman's College by the last Convention was pledged by members present. About half of the amount pledged has been paid.

The following have paid in full according to records in hand:

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Corrections will be gladly made.

We trust this account may be closed promptly June 1st. This office is being pressed for the money. It will help if all pledges are paid in full this month.

Let it be no longer said truthfully that pledges are made at our Conventions and churches and promptly forgotten.

You will be on schedule by paying on or before June 1st.

### II

The Brotherhood meetings authorized by the last Convention were recently held. Speakers were: Lawson H. Cook, W. A. Bell, Jno. Wm. McCall, J. A. Stewart, L. G. Gates, and B. Frank Hasty. Your secretary interspersed a few remarks.

The attendance was from fair to good. The spirit was fine. The messages were to the point. We believe spiritual fruitage will accrue.

There was a day, spoken of by Ezekiel, when God looked for a man and found. He still looks for men. We believe many more are ready to turn to Him.

### III

IF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SHOULD TITHE

"There are approximately 4,750,000 Southern Baptists. The per capita annual income in the

United States according to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., is more than \$525. In order to be conservative and for easy calculation, let's say the per capita yearly income of Southern Baptists is only \$300. Multiplying the number of Southern Baptists by the average income gives \$1,425,000,000 as the total annual income of Southern Baptists; one-tenth of this, \$142,500,000.

WHAT COULD WE DO WITH THIS MONEY?

1. We could pay and add 25% to all pastors' salaries and local church work. This would take nearly \$37,000,000 but we would have \$105,500,000 left, if Southern Baptists should tithe their income.

2. We could double our offerings for missions and benevolences. This would require approximately \$11,500,000, but we would have \$94,000,000 left, if all Southern Baptists should tithe their income.

3. We could pay all the debts upon the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, thereby saving \$150,000 a year in interest. This would take approximately \$3,000,000, but we would have \$91,000,000 left, if all Southern Baptists should tithe their income.

4. We could pay all the debts upon our Baptist state agencies and institutions. This would require about \$10,000,000 but it would save about \$500,000 in interest and we would still have \$81,000,000 left, if Southern Baptists should tithe their income one year.

5. We could pay all the debts upon our district associations and churches thereby saving approximately \$875,000 in annual interest. This would take about \$17,500,000, but we would still have \$63,500,000 left if Southern Baptists should tithe their income.

RELIEVE BURDENS, INCREASE EFFICIENCY, GUARANTEE FUTURES

6. We could endow our denominational institutions, thus relieving their burdens, increasing their efficiency, and guaranteeing their futures. For example:

We could give each of our three seminaries \$2,500,000, making a total of \$7,500,000.

We could give our two training schools \$500,000 each, or \$1,000,000 together.

We could give each of our 27 senior colleges \$500,000 or a total of \$13,500,000.

We could give each of our 22 junior colleges \$250,000 or a total of \$5,500,000.

We could give each of our 12 academies \$100,000 or a total of \$1,200,000.

We could give each of our 20 hospitals \$250,000 or a total of \$5,000,000.

We could give each of our 18 orphanages \$250,000 or a total of \$4,500,000.

We could give each of our 18 state papers \$100,000 or a total of \$1,800,000.

This would make a grand total for these institutions of \$40,000,000. But we would still have \$23,500,000 left, if Southern Baptists should tithe their income.

We could now give \$10,000,000 to the Relief and Annuity Board, the income to be used to care for worthy and needy aged ministers and missionaries and their families.

And we would have \$13,500,000 left as a contingent fund to care for anything else that might arise, IF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WOULD TITHE THEIR INCOME FOR JUST 1 YEAR.

Pray, what would happen if they should tithe two years or ten?"

—By J. E. Dillard.

The Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference held an interesting meeting May 14 with Pastor J. B. Middleton of Sardis and with brother A. T. Cinnamon of Senatobia, conference chairman, presiding. Others taking part in the meeting were brethren E. H. McElroy and J. R. G. Hewlett of Charleston, Frank M. Purser, Oxford, J. W. Lee of Batesville, Walton E. Lee of Como, R. W. Porter of Lambert, L. J. Crumby of Courtland, H. L. Martin of Senatobia and J. L. Courson of Tyro. On account of the Baltimore Convention and the summer revivals the Conference will recess until September.

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB  
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

### I

What will Baptists Do?

Some pay when due

Some pay when over due

Some never do

How do you do?

Cafe Placard: "Have a heart. You ask me credit. I no give. You get mad. I give. You no pay. I get mad. Better you get mad."

### II

We list the following certificates:

No. 188 for \$36, No. 189 for \$36, No. 190 for \$36, No. 191 for \$36, No. 192 for \$36, No. 193, for \$36, No. 194 for \$36, No. 95 for \$50, No. 96 for \$50, and No. 84 for \$100, each from a member of Sunflower church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 186 for \$36, No. 93 for \$50, No. 94 for \$50 each from a member of Dockery church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 187 for \$36, from a member at Cleveland, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 184 for \$36, No. 185 for \$36, each from a member of Blaine church, (McLaurin, field worker).

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No. 259 for \$36, No. 260 for \$36, No. 261 for \$36, No. 262 for \$36, No. 121 for \$100, No. 122 for \$100, each from a member at Lambert, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 195 for \$36, No. 197 for \$36, No. 198 for \$36, No. 263 for \$36, No. 123 for \$50, No. 124 for \$50, No. 127 for \$50, No. 123 for \$100, each from a member at Sunflower, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 196 for \$36, No. 199 for \$36, No. 277 for \$36, No. 278 for \$36, No. 279 for \$36, No. 280 for \$36, No. 32 for \$50, No. 124 for \$100, No. 31 for \$50, No. 83 for \$250, each from a member at Moorhead, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 283 for \$36, No. 284 for \$36, No. 285 for \$36, No. 286 for \$36, No. 97 for \$50, each from a member at Moorhead, (McLaurin, field worker).

### BR

TO MEMBERS OF THE SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### —O—

It gives your pastor great pleasure—in fact, a great thrill—to announce to you that the Baptist Record will this week begin making its weekly visit to your home. This yearly subscription to each family in your church is made possible by the church through the efforts and the generosity of the Seminary Baptist Brotherhood.

Brother Marshall Kelley is the Brotherhood president and the one who proposed this plan for sending our Baptist state paper to each family of our church. The members of the Brotherhood not only gave one or more subscriptions each but also voted funds out of their treasury. After church members had been approached by the brotherhood committees to see who wished to contribute to this plan the church itself needed to add only a small amount to what the Brotherhood secured and donated. This amount was very cheerfully voted by the church on last Sunday evening.

We know you join your pastor in expressing sincere appreciation for this noble and generous act to the Brotherhood and to all who assisted them.

Sincerely,

T. W. Talkington, Pastor.

(Where there's a will there's a way.—A.L.G.)

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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### W.M.U. PAGE—(Continued from last week)

List of W.M.U.'s having a part in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and the amount sent in through May 4, 1940:

#### Grenada Association

Elliott ..... 2.70  
Grenada ..... 112.75

#### Lafayette Association

Oxford ..... 93.77  
Yellow Leaf ..... 5.00  
Philadelphia ..... 3.00

#### Marshall Association

Alexandria ..... 11.75  
Byhalia ..... 10.00

#### Montgomery Association

Duch Hill ..... 10.56  
Kilmichael ..... 5.00  
Scotland ..... 6.00  
Winona ..... 37.15

#### Panola Association

Batesville ..... 40.00  
Courtland ..... 6.75  
Crenshaw ..... 10.97  
Good Hope ..... 8.00  
Liberty Hill ..... 6.00  
Peach Creek ..... 8.10  
Pope ..... 6.40  
Sardis ..... 71.16  
Union Church ..... 5.35

#### Tate Association

Coldwater ..... 44.55  
Mt. Zion ..... 5.80

#### Tallahatchie Association

Paynes ..... 1.69  
Cascilla ..... 3.05  
Charleston ..... 180.00  
New Life ..... 1.60  
Sumner ..... 23.76  
Tutwiler ..... 31.75  
Webb ..... 13.10

#### Yalobusha Association

Scobey ..... 5.00  
Scuna Valley ..... 3.00  
Water Valley ..... 50.05

#### Alcorn Association

Antioch ..... 6.05  
Corinth, First ..... 73.92  
Hinkle Creek ..... 13.75  
Kossuth ..... 18.42  
Rienzi ..... 5.30  
Tate Street ..... 2.00  
West Corinth ..... 9.00

#### Chickasaw Association

Houlka ..... 14.00  
Houston ..... 50.00  
Woodland ..... 2.00

#### Lee Association

Calvary, Tupelo ..... 153.29  
East Tupelo ..... 6.50  
Guntown ..... 4.83  
Harrisburg ..... 2.80  
Nettleton ..... 23.40  
Plantersville ..... 14.10  
Saltillo ..... 7.70  
Shannon ..... 6.00  
Sherman ..... 23.00  
Tupelo, First ..... 140.00  
Union Hill ..... 2.50  
Verona ..... 25.95

#### Monroe Association

Aberdeen ..... 50.00  
Amory ..... 41.28  
Center Hill ..... 3.00  
Central Grove ..... 1.00  
New Prospect ..... 3.65  
Prairie ..... 2.00  
Smithville or Pearce's Chapel ..... 5.00

#### Pontotoc Association

Cherry Creek ..... 7.25  
Longview ..... 2.45  
Toxish ..... 19.25  
Zion ..... 11.65

#### Prentiss Association

Booneville ..... 21.05  
Thrasher ..... 1.00  
Baldwyn ..... 20.50

#### Tishomingo Association

Iuka ..... 18.25  
Burnsville ..... 1.50  
Tishomingo ..... 2.00

#### Tippah Association

Blue Mountain ..... 232.00  
Chalybeate ..... 8.23  
Dumas ..... 4.00  
Falkner ..... 4.21  
Harmony ..... 1.35  
Providence ..... 2.30  
Ripley ..... 50.00  
Walnut ..... 8.00

#### Union Association

Blue Springs ..... 3.25  
Glenfield ..... 3.80  
Mt. Pleasant ..... 7.66  
New Albany ..... 120.93

#### Choctaw Association

Ackerman ..... 32.00  
Beulah ..... 5.00  
New Zion ..... 1.90  
Weir ..... 15.70

#### Clay Association

Pheba ..... 2.75  
West Point ..... 132.54

#### Kosciusko Association

Kosciusko, First ..... 65.00  
McCool ..... 3.50  
Sallis ..... 22.61  
Spring Dale ..... 5.00  
Unity ..... 1.15  
Williamsville ..... 1.75

#### Lowndes Association

Artesia ..... 5.45  
Border Springs ..... 5.00  
Calvary ..... 4.51  
East End ..... 9.12  
Mt. Zion ..... 19.44  
Mt. Vernon ..... 7.75  
Pleasant Hill ..... 3.20

#### Noxubee Association

Brooksville ..... 13.55  
Concord ..... 4.50  
Elam (Mashulaville) ..... 10.00  
Macon ..... 26.40  
Shuqualak ..... 4.10  
Westside ..... 1.01  
Bethesda ..... 7.00  
Longview ..... 1.80  
Maben ..... 12.10  
Morgan's Chapel ..... 3.75  
Sturgis ..... 8.21

#### Winston Association

Enon ..... 4.95  
Liberty ..... 7.00  
Louisville ..... 140.00  
Murphy Creek ..... 1.00  
Noxapater ..... 20.00  
Union Ridge ..... 2.00

#### Zion Association

Mathiston ..... 4.61  
Walthall ..... 4.00  
Eupora ..... 30.00  
Mantee or Shady Grove ..... 5.00

#### Clarke Association

DeSoto ..... 4.15  
Enterprise ..... 5.00  
Harmony ..... 5.25  
Pachuta ..... 18.50  
Quitman ..... 21.07  
Shubuta ..... 10.22  
Stonewall ..... 13.65

#### Jasper Association

Bay Springs ..... 37.50  
Eden ..... 5.00  
Fellowship ..... 1.15  
Louin ..... 4.25  
Montrose ..... 10.00  
New Pine Grove ..... 3.00  
New Fellowship ..... 4.50  
Shady Grove ..... 5.00  
Stringer ..... 5.00

#### Kemper Association

Black Water ..... 3.85  
DeKalb ..... 11.15  
Electric Mills ..... 7.25  
Scooba ..... 2.00

#### Lauderdale Association

Colinsville ..... 2.00  
Daleville ..... 5.00  
Goodwater ..... 2.00  
Kewanee ..... 6.00  
Marion ..... 3.50  
Macedonia ..... 2.07  
Midway ..... 1.25  
15th Ave., Meridian ..... 11.75  
41st Ave., Meridian ..... 41.21  
Meridian, First ..... 175.00  
Highland, Meridian ..... 26.92  
Poplar Springs ..... 80.87  
Southside ..... 68.00  
New Hope ..... 11.00  
Toomsaba ..... 3.30  
Causeyville ..... 3.00

#### Leake Association

Carthage ..... 56.00  
Freeny ..... 3.25  
Friendship ..... 16.15  
Salem ..... 45.0  
Standing Pine ..... 1.75  
Thomastown ..... 2.15  
Tuscola ..... 9.30  
Walnut Grove ..... 30.00

#### Newton Association

Bethel ..... 6.00  
Decatur ..... 16.85  
Hickory ..... 38.00  
Ireland ..... 1.64  
Liberty ..... 1.46  
Mt. Vernon ..... 4.11  
Newton ..... 60.75  
Union ..... 41.60

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

B. O. B. F.

Bryan Simmons, Field Representative

### Mothers Day Offerings

Many inquiries have come concerning the Mothers Day Offerings and we rejoice in the interest thus manifested. At this writing we are not able to approximate the total amount; but the receipts that have come in and the reports received are very encouraging. We are deeply grateful for every one who has helped and for every offering made. The Lord bless the givers and the gifts.

Many Sunday Schools and churches are holding their offerings until many of those who were away from services on Mothers Day have an opportunity to add their gifts.

Some Sunday Schools and churches have deferred their offerings for different reasons and we are hoping that all these will lend a helping hand at an early date.

### WE Must Go On

We wish this fine Mothers Day Offering were the crowning effort in our Rebuilding Program and it could be said, "It is enough;" but such is not the case. Five years ago we had a capacity of 250 children and now the capacity is only about 160 and our older boys are crowded in an old building that must be removed as soon as practical. Too, the old laundry and work-shop must be replaced by a new one and it is the writer's wish that this will be our next objective. This calls for further effort. There are some, able to make large gifts, who are weighing the matter seriously. There are many who have given small gifts that are able and I believe will give again.

Your representative asks for the prayers of interested ones that all these shall be reached and the work going with un-abated zeal. Pastors tell me from time to time that there are needy children on their fields; but they have not sought to place them at our Orphanage, because they realize the crowded condition

## PLATFORM OF THE NEW PROHIBITION PARTY

(As prepared by the Executive Committee, April 16, 1940)

We, the Party in convention assembled in the city of Chicago, May 9, 1940, recognizing Almighty God as the source of all good government, do hereby present the following statement of principles:

### 1. MORAL ISSUES

We realize that permanent progress does not come merely by "prohibiting" people from doing certain things. We believe, however, that all evils which are undermining character should be prohibited. Among these evils we specifically name the liquor traffic, harmful narcotics, commercialized gambling, indecent publications, block-booked movies, misleading broadcasting, political graft and injustices of all kinds. We commend the work of those combating evils and demanding law and order.

### 2. ECONOMIC ISSUES

We are vitally interested in purifying government and reducing debt and taxation in conserving natural resources both human and material in helping farmers who occupy and till the soil, in encouraging employers engaged in honest and useful business, in assuring wage workers and consumers a fair share of industry's products and profits, in preventing unfit persons or unfair goods entering this country but applying to all nations the same immigration and tariff policies, in keeping out of war by insisting upon both friendly relations and adequate defense, in providing proper aid to the worthy youth and aged, and in promoting tolerance to all, but insisting that government changes be made in accordance with existing constitutional methods.

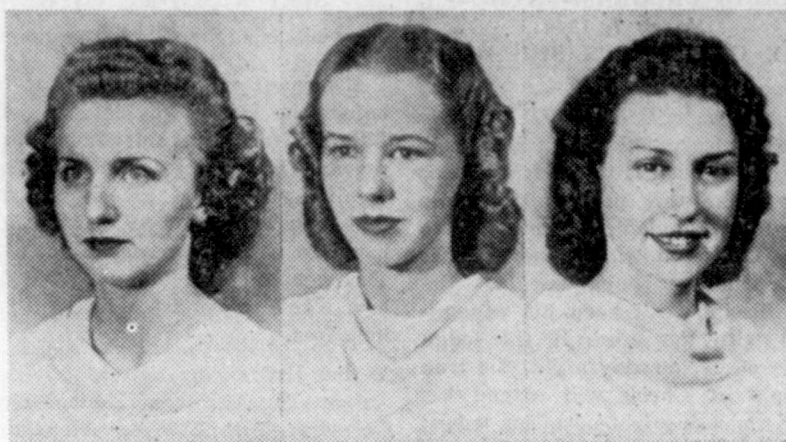
### 3. SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

We believe that to accomplish these and other worthy ends there must be a change in the purpose, motives and lives of our people. Such a spiritual awakening requires both encouraging churches and freeing schools and other educational forces from politics. WE THEREFORE ESPECIALLY PLEDGE OURSELVES FOR BETTER AND MORE USEFUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The development of character—integrity, health, industry, self-control, initiative, with a desire to be of service and a willingness to make sacrifices—must be the first aim of parents and teachers. Such a change in the hearts of employers, wage workers and consumers would so develop confidence as to restore real estate values, eliminate unemployment and assure equal opportunities to all.

### 4. COALITION PARTY

Both of the major political parties are performing useful service in emphasizing different needs, but entangling alliances make it very difficult for these parties to take a definite stand on the moral issues,

here. Help us to relieve this situation, for the good of the children, for the good of society and for the glory of God.



Presidents of the extra-curricular groups of Blue Mountain College for next session. Left to right: Marion Brimm, Memphis, Eunomians; Charlotte Flippin, Kerrville, Tenn., Euzelians; Dorothy Gwin Harpole, Eupora, Modenians.

even though these issues today are fundamental in solving our nation's problems. Therefore there must be a union of church people, and others who stand first for righteousness, into a Third Party. The NEW Prohibition Party serves such a purpose.

### CONCLUSIONS

We, members of this party, are the one political group which has learned from sad experience that legislation alone—whether Old Deal or New Deal—is insufficient. We know that the solution of all problems—from liquor to unemployment—depends upon character and the election to power of a political party committed to these principles.

To this end we therefore invite the co-operation and the votes of like minded men and women.

### CHESTER SWOR TO SPEAK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY IN GREENWOOD

Chester Swor, outstanding and accomplished Baptist Student leader, and noted lecturer to Young People, will address an assembly of Intermediate boys and girls, and Sunday School leaders, at the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss., Sunday afternoon, May 19. Mr. Swor has just closed a series of meetings in the larger Baptist churches of the South. The Delta section is fortunate in their opportunity of having the South's outstanding young soul-winner in their midst.

Dr. E. J. Caswell, host pastor, and Mr. R. H. Middleton, host Intermediate Superintendent, have made plans to welcome some 1,000 Intermediate boys and girls, pastors, superintendents, Sunday School officers, and teachers, to this Intermediate Sunday School Rally.

A feature of the meeting will be a Radio Interview answering important questions, and suggesting solutions to problems peculiar to Intermediate Sunday School workers.

Baptist workers from all the delta counties are expected at this meeting.

Singing in three languages is a feature of mission services in Baltimore conducted by Mrs. M. Helen Johnson, Home Board worker.

In a quiz one of the questions was: "Name two ancient sports."

A freshman wrote: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Bethesda Baptist Church celebrates her hundredth anniversary June 5th, 1940. Plans are being formulated and invitations are being sent to all former pastors and members. The day will be one of the High Lights in the experience of the pastor and members.

The program for the day begins at 9:30 A.M. and is as follows:

Song—Doxology.

Song—How Firm A Foundation.

Devotional—Rev. R. D. Pearson.

Welcome Address—Mr. R. L. Carpenter.

Response—Rev. J. H. Street.

Special No.—

History of Church—C. H. Cunningham.

Recognition of former members and visitors.

Song—There Is A Fountain.

Message by—Rev. D. A. McCall.

Noon

Song—Marching To Zion.

Devotional—Rev. Owen Williams.

Message by—Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

Message by—Rev. T. L. Sasser.

Song—Amazing Grace.

Message by—Dr. W. H. Smith.

Special No.—

Open Forum led by—Dr. J. D. Ray.

Song Blest Be The Tie.

Benediction by—Rev. A. H. Childress.

### PLEASE DO NOT

When you preach a funeral, why punish the relatives talking at length about the vacant chair at the table, the missed one by the fire-side, the hushed voice which shall never again be heard in its sweetness and loveliness, etc. Many things are best forgotten. And even if they have "sprouted wings" why waste your precious God-given moments praising them. Please do not. But please do present CHRIST for salvation and service.

To God be all the glory for any good done through any of us.

When ye have done all, say we are unprofitable servants.

Preach the word.

A reader.

Teacher: "Johnny, this essay on 'My Mother' is just the same as your brother's."

Johnny: "Yes, ma'am. We have the same mother."

**RADIO PROGRAM—WCOC—**  
**March 7, 1940**  
**"THE CHRISTIAN'S SHIPS—Dis-**  
**Ciple-Ship**  
**By J. L. Boyd, Meridian**

(Continued from page 12)

To make this practically simple and understandable, allow me to make the following observations: In conflicting engagements, the true disciple will keep his engagement with the Lord. If the lodge meets on Wednesday night, the true disciple of Christ will attend his prayer meeting instead of his lodge; if his church, or any group of it, has an important meeting on Bank-nite, the disciple of Christ, to live up to his disciple-ship, will be found at the church meeting instead of at the theatre where they gamble for easy money; if friends seek to induce him or her to take the Lord's day for a holiday, the true Christian disciple will refuse to go on such jaunts, and spend the holy day in such manner as will be pleasing to the Lord; if one is not too sick, physically, or the weather too bad to go to his work or business on Saturday and Monday, the Christian disciple would certainly not stay away from the Lord's house and its worship on the Sunday sandwiched in between that Saturday and Monday on the flimsy excuse of being too sick or the weather too bad to go to church. How some professed disciples of the Lord do get sick around about six or eight o'clock on Sunday morning, and recover as suddenly about the same time Monday morning to go to work and to school! What a shame we have no balm in Gilead for such Morbus Sabbatacus.

**And once more, III. DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES SERVICE.**

Jesus not only requires one to "deny himself," but also this, "take up his cross daily and follow me." And that means service. Cross bearing here does not mean bearing up under sorrow, or suffering or misfortune. It involves being yoked up with the Lord, wearing the harness of toil and work. Such service, sometimes, is accompanied with galling under the yoke or harness, and the Christian disciple often bears the marks of Jesus in his body. Paul exhorted in this when he exclaimed, "From henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." (Gal. 6:17). The faithful horse, or ox, always shows marks of service, which are an honor, instead of dishonor. The soldiers returning from overseas after the world war bore on the sleeves of their uniforms service chevrons, indicating how long they had been abroad in the service of their country; and some bore additional chevrons, called wound chevrons, which was a greater honor.

True disciple-ship, Beloved, involves active service in some place in the kingdom of God, not necessarily conspicuous nor very great, but it does require something being done for the Master Teacher. If the Christian disciple is not yoked up with the Lord, he is not living up to his privileges and duties as a disciple and is the loser thereby. For we grow and are strong, physically, as we exercise our bodies. The same

**WET AND DRY VOTE**  
**N. S. Jackson**

Every effort to get a liquor bill before the House was defeated. Mr. Sillers offered an amendment to a revenue Bill to tax liquor without legalizing it. The amendment was tabled by a vote of 81 to 51. Eight members were absent or did not vote. The wet and dry vote is given below. Name of county represented is indicated.

**Voting Dry:**

John E. Aldridge, Montgomery-Grenada; Miss Mildred Alexander, Jasper; Carl C. Allen, DeSoto; Percy Allen, Attala; E. E. Arnold, Panola; J. R. Black, George; J. B. Blackwell, Benton-Tippah; Hudson Blake, Itawamba-Lee; John A. Boutwell, Newton; Louie Bullock, Jefferson Davis; Garland E. Byrd, Franklin; Jesse M. Byrd, Greene; Mrs. John A. Clark, Kemper; John S. Clark, Smith; John T. Cooley, Wayne; T. J. Dalton, Alcorn; Dan P. Davis, Kemper; J. Frank Decell, Copiah; Sellers Denley, Yalobusha; Newman M. Dorsey, Yalobusha; Tom W. Dunlap, Pontotoc; W. M. Durr, Simpson; Geo. M. Ethridge, Lauderdale; Andrew C. Fant, Jr., Noxubee; W. R. Gary, Webster; David H. Glass, Attala; J. B. Going, Calhoun; William F. Gore, Oktibbeha; W. S. Graves, Sr., Copiah; Milton H. Grisham, Prentiss; S. S. Guy, Noxubee; Major Stanton A. Hall, Forest; Charles G. Hamilton, Monroe; Dr. W. W. Hickman, Leake-Winston; Zack Hitt, Marion; J. D. Holder, Lee; Geo. W. Howell, Monroe; Daniel Hughes, Quitman; Randolph G. Kinabrew, Amite; Hal C. Kirby, Oktibbeha; Oba Ladner, Stone; H. O. Leavell, Pontotoc; Mrs. Chas. F. Mansell, Madison; Ed. G. McCormick, Grenada; Elmer E. McCoy, Prentiss; J. E. McDevitt, Clarke; Pete McElreath, Lafayette; Ronald A. McGee, Neshoba; J. E. McElwain, Lowndes; Burton R. McMillan, Leake; C. C. McNeel, Winston; Arlen A. Medford, Alcorn; Edgar Mister-

law obtains in the spiritual realm. Active service on the part of the Christian disciple makes for strong healthy, Christian characters. And if the Christian is not given something definite to do, according to his or her ability, he or she would be justified in making complaint that they were neglected and mistreated. But, alas, how many idle Christians there are while so many of the faithful few among the active ones are overworked, and so many other tasks are poorly done or not done at all simply because the idlers will not assume their share of the responsibility as disciples of the Lord! True discipleship, Beloved, involves service.

Here let it be said that the idle Christian is not a healthy Christian, nor a happy Christian, and, of course, not a useful Christian. But on the contrary, is an easy mark for the enemy of his soul, the devil, who ere long makes of him a menace to the cause of Christ. The idle seat is the scorner's seat, and the idle Christian soon becomes a critic—critical of other Christians, critical of his church, of his pastor, and of every body and everything, if he remains idle long enough.

feldt, Rankin; James A. Morrow, Rankin; Hugo Newcomb, Perry; J. E. Newton, Clarke-Jasper; G. W. Owens, Itawamba; John A. Patridge, Humphreys; Joe Patterson, Calhoun; A. L. Pennington, Newton; W. M. Perrigin, Choctaw; L. B. Porter, Scott; W. Clarke Rakestraw, Union; Laban V. Renick, Benton; Steve S. Saul, Clay; John Lee Seale, Vaiden; Jesse W. Shanks, Lamar; Ed. Simmons, Walthall; H. T. Smith, Lafayette; L. O. Smith, Chickasaw; Walter R. Smith, Monroe; T. F. Snowden, Lauderdale; Kenneth Stewart, Amite; Ray M. Stewart, Pearl River; E. F. Thigpen, Yazoo; Allen C. Thompson, Hinds; W. C. Wallis, Tippah; Richard L. Watson, Lowndes; Edwin White, Holmes; H. E. Whitten, Union; Speaker, Sam Lumpkin, Lee.

**Voting Wet:**

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**Absent or not Voting:**

Sam S. Allred, Jefferson; C. T. Douglas, Copiah; Tillman H. Godbold; Franklin-Lincoln; J. W. Hudspeth, Tate; John H. Holloman, Lowndes; Chas. T. Nettles, Warren; Ike Sanford, Covington; Frank A. Critz, Clay.

A recent revival in the Mexican Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, in which Home Board Missionary Matias C. Garcia of San Antonio preached brought forty into the church by baptism and six by letter, according to Rev. I. E. Gonzalez, missionary at Austin.

Soul-winning is the main business of the Home Mission Board. Our missionaries have had the greatest year in leading people to Christ, even as Southern Baptists have set a new record in baptizing converts. —J. B. Lawrence.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**(Sunflower County)**

First we want to thank Bro. Estes and the Mississippi Baptists for making it possible for us having an organized Baptist church and Sunday School in our community.

We have only 38 members, but we are having help from Baptists all over the State, and by their help, and by the help of our Dear Lord, we are going to carry on. There are others in our community who ought to join, and help us have a bigger and better church. There are so many more mothers and fathers, who ought to be enlisted in our Sunday School.

We want to thank Bro. Joel Sturdivant for his untiring efforts in helping us. He preaches for us every 1st and 3rd. Sunday afternoons. May God bless him in his work here and elsewhere.

There were 76 in Sunday School last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riley.

**DR. GEORGE THOMAS TUBB**

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom removed from this world by death our friend and brother, George Thomas Tubb, M. D.

Resolved, that in the passing of Dr. Tubb the Athens Baptist Church has lost one of its most faithful, charter members, and deacons, the state one of its best citizens.

Dr. Tubb was soothed and sustained by an unflinching trust. We knew him to be a man of strong religious convictions, ever standing firm for those principles he conceived to be right, a faithful worker and a loyal friend whose unfailing kindness might well be an example to everyone.

We the undersigned committee on behalf of the board of deacons extend to the bereaved widow and relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully,  
 A. G. Taylor  
 J. O. Taylor  
 D. L. Jones  
 B. G. Myatt.

Soul-winning is a cause big enough to challenge the best in the life of youth.—Roland Q. Leavell.

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### The First

The honor for sending in the first Vacation Bible school report for 1940 goes to the Derma Baptist church, Calhoun association. The pastor is Rev. C. S. Thomas of Grenada, and the efficient principal of the school was Mrs. J. H. Chrestman, of Derma.

It is a most splendid report and is good testimony of a fine school. Mrs. Chrestman did a very noble job in sending such a complete report of all items of the work of the school. We are indeed grateful for this fine beginning for what we hope and believe will be the greatest year we have ever had in the great Vacation Bible school work.

### Plan Early

If you have not already done so, plan now for your Vacation school. Fix your time, enlist the workers, get the books and give them to the teachers, so they will have ample time to prepare thoroughly.

And Remember: All the NEW books for 1940 are now in and may be had by ordering from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Free package of promotional literature will be gladly sent by writing the Sunday school department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Let's work hard to give our boys and girls all the advantages and blessings resulting from our Vacation schools. The time is short—they can be held only during the vacation time—so we dare not delay in doing our best for this great work.

### Please Do

We are trying hard to increase the number of schools reporting their Sunday school attendance each week. Join the growing list now. Send a postal card to: Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., giving name of church and Sunday school attendance (also B.T.U. if you will).

Mail it Sunday afternoon or early Monday morning, and we will get it in time for that week's Record. Help us grow in these reports.

### Catching Up

All Sunday Schools suffered loss in attendance during the severe cold weather during January and February of this year. Last year the gain in Sunday School enrollment in the South was about 155,000. We had a good gain in our state along with all the others.

But, if we gain this year, there must be some real hard work done on the part of officers, teachers, and pupils to recapture during the months of Spring and Summer the loss that was sustained during the cold of the winter.

This can and will only be done when the workers themselves in their weekly and monthly meetings plan definitely for this very thing. No greater work can be done for enlargement than purposeful, prayer-

## GLENN SMITH TELLS HOW



REV. GLENN SMITH

Rev. M. Glenn Smith, who has led 3 of his 5 Churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan. He is working on the other two.

In regard to my plan for getting Churches on the E.F. plan.

I wish to say if one way wont work, another will. The same plan will not work in every Church. But where there is a will there is a way.

In some cases I have subscribed for the entire church for three months myself. This helps them to realize how important their pastor thinks it is for them to have and read the paper. And if they believe in their pastor they will read it, and if they read it for three months they will develop enough in that short length of time to realize their need for it and will gladly continue it.

It is possible to put the Record in the Baptist homes. Ask God for help; but that is not all. We must exert some energy ourselves, and even be willing to put out a little money. I am preaching to three churches which have recently put the paper in each home: Oak Grove of Neshoba County, Bluff Springs and West Kemper of Kemper County. I have two others that I want to put it in: Mt. Nelson and Deemer of Neshoba County. Can it be done? I will try and see.—

Respectfully,  
M. Glenn Smith.

ful, personal visitation. See the people and talk to them about coming to the teaching of God's Word. Let's catch up the loss through definite, planned visitation. Try it and see the results.

### PORT GIBSON, MISSISSIPPI

A devout Christian Physician Passes away.

Exactly five minutes past seven o'clock Thursday morning, May the ninth Nineteen hundred and forty, the spirit of Dr. James V. May winged its flight to the Paradise of God. Dr. May was born and reared at Brookhaven, Miss. He became a Christian at the age of fifteen and lived a consistent life throughout. He was a man of high ideals and possessed many fine traits of character and splendid virtues that made his life and leadership a tremendous force for God and righteousness in the community in which he lived and in the church of which he was

a member and deacon, since his coming among us. Perhaps the most outstanding traits of his Christian life were his strong convictions and the courage to stand by and even die if need be, by those convictions. He had and exercised in the highest sense a degree of Loyalty to the Bible, his church and denomination that you seldom find in laymen.

Dr. May was a profound student of the scriptures and it was his joy to discuss and teach them. He was clear in his interpretation though he did not profess to always be right. He loved, labored and prayed for his church and denomination and the cause they foster, to the end of his life.

It was he who bought and donated the lot upon which the present church stands and in addition he gave of his strength, time and means toward the erection of the present building. His whole life was centered in Christ and His cause. His one desire before his death was to see the church free of debt and dedicated to Christ and he came within five hundred dollars of the goal.

He was twice Moderator of Union Association, Clerk of the Port Gibson Baptist church for a long time and a member of the State Baptist Convention Board from Union Association for many years terminating with his death.

He was truly a Christian physician taking his degree of medicine in three years from the University of Louisville, Ky., and was an honor student of his class. He loved his profession and was dominated by that principal of love in ministering to the sick, practicing for the most part among the poor of the community, and was the guiding spirit among Baptists in this section of the state. Dr. May was a member of a family of ten children. Eight boys and two girls. Six of whom preceded him to the grave. He followed his dear Christian companion just eleven months and eighteen days.

No pastor ever had a truer, more devoted, loyal friend and deacon than this writer had in Dr. May. Therefore in his passing, I am deeply conscious I have lost a devout friend and beloved brother in Christ, the Port Gibson church its most faithful member and senior deacon, Union Association, a wise counsellor and leader, and the Baptist cause of Mississippi a loyal supporter and

the community a valuable citizen. Had he lived to see December, he would have been 65 years old. God help us to emulate his Christian virtues, and graciously sustain his dear sister, two brothers, the relatives and large host of friends who are left to mourn his going.

Faithfully yours,  
R. A. Eddleman, Port  
Gibson, Miss.

## BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The twenty-second annual commencement and closing evercises of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, occurred May 13 and 14. A class of thirty-eight graduated.

Monday afternoon, the 13th, the voice and piano students presented their annual recital. That same evening Dr. C. E. Autrey, Union City, Tennessee, class of '34 delivered the Alumni address. This was followed by a cantata, "Light Eternal," sung by the Institute Choral Club directed by Prof. E. L. Carnett.

Tuesday morning, Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills church, Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the Missionary Address. At night Dr. Newton preached the Baccalaureate Sermon following which President W. W. Hamilton presented certificates, diplomas and conferred degrees. Eight men were granted Doctor of Theology degrees.

This has been one of the very best sessions in the history of the Institute. Two hundred and sixty-five students enrolled, representing nineteen states, the District of Columbia and five foreign countries. Three couples of this year's graduates are under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board and expect soon to sail for their fields of labor. In addition two young women are returning to their native China, after three years at the Institute, to accept important teaching positions. Rev. Antonio Mauricio returns to Portugal to resume his duties as superintendent of Brazilian missions in that land, after one year at the Institute. Applications indicate that next year's student body will be even larger than the past year.

A poster contest open to Y.W.A. members to illustrate the theme of the 1941 March Week of Prayer for Home Missions has been announced by the Home Mission Board.



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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

I'm delighted with your response to the Mother's Day appeal. You have answered with open hearts and purses. Please don't forget our scholarship. Let's keep up the good work and support both our causes in a worthy way.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele.

## BIBLE STUDY

"Be not forgetful to entertain Strangers."—Hebrews 13:2.

The Shunammite Woman Extends Hospitality.

Hospitality is a gracious trait of character. A Shunammite woman once showed a beautiful spirit of hospitality toward Elisha. It was necessary that Elisha, in his travels, pass through a city named Shunem. There lived in this city a rich and great woman. She saw Elisha as he passed her house and probably recognized him as a prophet. Whether she did or not, she did know that he must be tired and hungry. She invited him in and made him take some food. She was so kind to him that whenever he passed that way, he stopped and ate with her. One day she said to her husband, "I see that this is a prophet of the Lord who passes by often. Let us build a small room for him in our house, and put in it a bed, a table, a stool, and a candlestick, and whenever he comes, he shall stay there." They did as she said and a room was built in their home for Elisha. They were greatly blessed of their hospitality to God's servant.

Morton, Mississippi,  
May 3, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I enjoy reading the Children's Circle. My papa and mamma read the Baptist Record too.

I am a little girl, I will be 9 years old the 26th of July. I will be in the 5th grade next fall. I go to Sunday School most every Sunday. Miss Rubye Cooper is my Sunday School teacher, but she is in college at Hattiesburg now.

I have three brothers, Clifford, Sheldon and Curtis, all older than I am.

I am sending 10 cents for the orphans. Will try to send more next time.

Your new friend,  
Hilda Lozene Cooper.

Magee, Mississippi,

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I read it every Thursday. I surely do enjoy it. I am twelve years old. I will be in the seventh grade next year. Are you glad summer is near? Everything is so pretty and green. You know my grandfather, don't you, Mr. I. P. Myrick? When he had the small pox it left him blind. My daddy has a store close to Steele Wholesale Co., and I see you a lot. I hope my letter isn't too long. I am sending 10 cents to use where it is needed most.

Your new friend,  
Margaret Myrick.

Holly Bluff, Mississippi,  
May 8, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I am again, spring is here too, with the birds and flowers. The roses and spider lilies are blooming in our yard. I passed to the seventh grade in school. I wish school hadn't turned out. I go to the Baptist church nearly every Sunday when I am not sick. The pastor of our church is Rev. D. I. Young. Look for a letter from me again. I hope my letter isn't too long.

A friend,  
Hester Rhodes.

Carthage, Mississippi,  
May 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the Children's Circle.

I have a little girl now. She is five months old. We named her Lucy Carolyn. Mrs. Steele, when my little girl is old enough, I intend for her to be a member of the Children's Circle.

I am sending 10 cents for J. E. Bvrd Memorial Chapel. This isn't much, but if every Baptist in Mississippi would give a little, we would be surprised at the results.

May God bless you in all your undertakings.

Your friend,  
Mrs. William Boydston.

Liberty, Mississippi,  
May 4, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am a little girl 8 years old. My birthday is Nov. 14. I read the Children's Page every week. I enjoy it very much. I will be in the fourth grade next year. The flowers are pretty now. Everything is green in the woods.

I am sending 5 cents for the orphans.

Your new friend,  
Arah Margaret Causey.

Ocean Springs, Mississippi,  
May 10, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele and Circle:

Here I come with my little sum. One for the money, two for the show, only three halves, which way will they go? And, may I tell the circle about an address I heard a missionary deliver once?

He had traveled over Palestine. After giving us an interesting gist of his experiences he told the following incident. I will give the recital in the missionary's own words, as much as I can remember it.

Missionary: "One evening after service I walked down to the shores of Galilee to be alone and meditate. While I was pondering the lines of an old song came into my mind 'When Jesus Walked in Galilee.' Before I realized it I was singing that old hymn. I thought I was alone but suddenly there was a voice with mine. A brother feeling as I did had come to the shore to be alone and think. Well, we sang the first stanza through and then a number of voices came over the water singing the chorus, 'O Galilee, Sweet Galilee where Jesus loved so much to be, O Galilee, blue Galilee come sing thy song again to me.' We sang that hymn through, we men singing the stanzas, the group of young people in the boat the chorus. I think that scene was one of the most beautiful I have ever experienced, the bright moonlight summer night, the blue water of the lake, the music of song echoing across the water." The exercises closed with the orchestra and choir singing "O Galilee."

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Cap.

McCall Creek, Mississippi,  
May 11, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

As I haven't written to the page since your mother's death, I'll write a line and send a mite to the building at the orphanage, 25 cents. I always enjoyed reading the page while your mother lived and still as well. I'll go hoping all the children have a big day Mother's Day for mother is so grand.

Mrs. W. M. Allen.

Oakland, Mississippi,  
May 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find \$2.50 for

the orphanage in honor of my dear Christian mother that has gone on to Heaven waiting for us. I thank God for every one that has a Christian mother.

With love and appreciation for the good work you are doing.

Lizzie Gooch Pittman.

McCall Creek, Mississippi,  
R-1, May 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eight years old and will take the third grade next school year. Our school is out and I am visiting my grandmother in McComb, Miss. Mother takes the Baptist Record and also grandmother I like the Children's Circle very much. I go to church and Sunday School every Sunday I can. We go to church at Concord Baptist Church. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Jones. I'm enjoying my three weeks' stay with my grandmother, but will go home this weekend. I hope I haven't written too much. I am sending five cents to be used where it is needed most.

Your new friend,  
Betty ean Martin.

Mize, Mississippi,  
May 10, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are the Sunbeam Band of Liberty Baptist Church. We are sending this week's offering as a Mother's Day gift to the orphans.

Sincerely yours,  
Carroll Glisson,  
Sidney Glisson,  
Patsy Hancock,  
Larry Hudson,  
Norman Sullivan,  
Maggie Joyce Sullivan,  
Jimmy Dale Ainsworth,  
Annie Jane Bryant,  
(leader).

Lumberton, Mississippi,  
May 11, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eight years old and in the third grade at school. Our school is out now and I hope I have a nice vacation. This is my first time to write. I have two sisters and a brother. I am sending ten cents for the orphans.

A new friend,  
Dolores Doughdrill.

Oakland, Mississippi,  
May 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday School at the Baptist church at Oakland, Miss. I enjoy it very much. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Lizzie Pittman. I like her very much. I am sending 10 cents to be used as needed.

With love,  
Elizabeth Parsons.

Oakland, Mississippi,  
May 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy ten years old. I would like to enter the Children's Circle. I go to Sunday School at the Baptist church at Oakland, Miss. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Lizzie Pittman. I think she is such a good teacher. I am sending 10 cents for the orphan children.

Your friend,  
Carlton Parsons.

Braxton, Mississippi,  
May 11, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I enjoy reading it very much. I go every Sunday to Sunday School now since it is so pretty. I go to school and Sunday School at Braxton. Our pastor is Bro. McCollough. I want to surprise my friends. I hope this is not too long to be put in the Baptist Record.

Your new friend,  
Van Everett.

Ludlow, Mississippi,  
May 11, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade.



"MOTHER" BERRY

"Mother" Berry, an "other mother" to thousands of girls who have passed through Blue Mountain College's halls, posed for this picture as Mother's day approached. On November 16, when "Mother" Berry observes her 90th birthday, there will be a great homecoming of her Blue Mountain "children."

I go to Sunday School. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. W. Peagler. Our pastor's name is Rev. A. A. Kitchens. I am sending ten cents to the orphanage.

Your new friend,  
Katie Ethel Peagler.

Florence, Mississippi,  
May 10, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, but I have meant to do it for a long time. I am a little girl eleven years old and will be in the seventh grade next year. My birthday is November 17, then I will be twelve. Every Thursday when we receive the Baptist Record I turn right to the children's page. I go to Sunday School every Sunday and church once a month. That's how often we have church.

I am sending in the answers to last week's questions. I hope they are correct.

1. The reason why Job had so much trouble was that Satan was testing him.

2. The death of Moses was on Mt. Nebo.

3. The reason that Moses never got to enter the Promised Land was that he disobeyed God.

I think I'll send in some questions next time.

Your new friend,  
Gwendolyn Compere.

Arrangements have been completed recently for an island-wide broadcast from Havana of Baptist services each Sunday morning.

Geography Teacher. "Now class remember Iceland is about as large as Siam."

Johnny (in test paper). "Iceland is about as large as teacher."

An Englishman on a visit to the West decided to go horseback riding.

The hostler who was to attend him asked: "Do you prefer an English saddle or a Western?"

"What's the difference?" he asked. "The Western saddle has a horn," replied the attendant.

"I don't think I'll need the horn," said the Englishman. "I don't intend to ride in heavy traffic."

# Baptist Training Union

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## Concerning the Better Speaking Contest to Be Held at the District Training Union Convention

### Foreword:

In the District Training Union Conventions, meeting in June and July, we will feature a Better Speaking contest. The plan is for each B. Y. P. U. to have a contest, enlisting as many members as possible. The one who wins in the union will represent the union in the church contest, if there are two or more senior unions in the church. It would be fine to have this church contest at an evening preaching hour. The one who wins in the church contest will represent the church in a contest to be held by the association. The meeting for this contest may be called by the associational director before the district convention meets, if not we will have it at the convention, prior to the district contest. The associational winner will represent the association at the district convention.

### Rules to observe:

1. Each church may enter one contestant in the associational elimination contest.
2. Each association may enter one contestant in the district.
3. Contestants must be members between age 17-24 inclusive.
4. Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes.
5. The general subject will be "The New Testament Pattern of Church Membership."
6. The individual subject may be any of the following twelve. (These are the monthly themes for 1940 in the Calendar of Activities. Splendid helps will be found in each magazine on the theme for that month.)

1. Alive Together With Christ
2. Filled With the Holy Spirit
3. Growing in Grace and Knowledge
4. Walking in Newness of Life
5. Seeking the Lost
6. Seeking Wisdom from Above
7. Overcoming Evil With Good
8. Servants of Righteousness
9. Living Epistles of Christ
10. Seeking First the Kingdom
11. Continuing Steadfast in Church
12. Bearing Much Fruit (Fellowship)

7. Contestants will be judged on three points—  
a. Content 25%.  
b. Composition 25%.  
c. Delivery 50%.

District—Place of Meeting—Time  
Figure represents June 19 thru July 4.

Four, Batesville 19; two, Merigold, 20; three, Webb, 21; five Oxford, 22; six, Baldwin, 24; seven, Vardaman, 25; eight, Philadelphia, 26; eleven, Bay Springs 27; twelve, West Laurel, 28; thirteen, Juniper Grove, Pearl River County, 29; fourteen, Salem, Walthall County, 1; fifteen, Bude, 2; one, Wesson, 3; ten Florence, 4; nine, First Canton, 5.

## Interested In Missions? Interested In Mexicans?

Those who are interested in Missions will enjoy thoroughly the messages of brother I. E. Gonzalez at the District B. T. U. Conventions. He will speak twice at each convention, morning and night. He is a missionary to the Mexicans in Austin, Texas, and has an interesting story to tell you about the work. This is just one of the high-lights of the convention! Hope you are planning to attend one of them. See the program in June 6th issue of the Record.

## April 1940 Was the Best Month In Our History In Study Course Awards

During the month of April we issued to the unions in Mississippi 2,405 Study Course awards. This is the largest number of awards we have issued in a single month. This number used to be a good year's report and but bespeaks the growing interest in spiritual matters. People do not give their time to matters in which they are not interested, and to come to church for two hours a day for five straight days reveals an interest that gladdens the heart of all Christian leaders. Pastors realize that the more they can lead their people to study the Bible and other good books that emphasize stewardship, missions, doctrine, soul winning, church membership, etc., the more interest they will manifest in the local church and in all causes fostered by the church. ONE TRAINING UNION STUDY COURSE A YEAR is but the beginning. Most churches would find it easy and most profitable to have one a quarter, and certainly not less than two a year. Look at the church that studies much and see a church that is doing most toward bringing in the Kingdom!

## New Unions For April

We are happy to report that 39 unions requested free literature for the first quarter, being newly organized unions. There were five Story Hours, eleven Junior Unions, seven Intermediate Unions, nine Young People's Unions, and seven Adult Unions. Our net gain for the year has been about 225, giving us more than 2,600 unions with about 60% of our churches with one or more unions. What about that 40% without a union? Well we are trying to do something about it, will you not help us? Keep up with our summer plans as they are discussed from week to week in this department of the Record.

## Pace "Gallop" Away With A Training School

Mrs. A. L. Symonds, director of the Pace Training Union, reports a most successful training school. It was well planned and several outside workers were invited to serve

as teachers. Brother Sturdivant was with them from Merigold, as was Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg. Mrs. Symonds in reporting on the work has nothing but praise for those who so unselfishly came to serve them. One mark of spiritual growth is the fact that any church can secure the efficient voluntary services of others almost any time they desire it. Pastors and others are willing to serve, and often go at their own expense, whenever possible. In this case, as it should be in perhaps most cases, the church took care of the expenses of the workers. It was a splendid school, so says all, and we congratulate the church on its growing interest and progress.

## HEALING HUMANITY'S HURT By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.

The Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans will make a good report to the Convention in Baltimore next month. Nearly 14,000 persons were treated during the year, of whom 1,965 were given free service; and 2,107 others were given reduced rates. Our free work cost the Hospital \$69,874.98.

The Hospital received \$22,581.06 from the Cooperative Program and \$2,024.95 from the Hundred Thousand Club, or a total of \$24,606.01 from the denomination.

We have been in business 14 years and for the fourteenth time we are able to report there has been no deficit in operating expenses; and we have met all deferred obligations when due.

During the year we paid \$93,597.77 on new construction and equipment. The West Annex was completed last June, an eighty-tory building, adding greatly to our facilities. Crowded conditions, however made necessary another building program, and the North Annex, costing about \$125,000.00 will be completed about August 1st. This also is an eight-story building.

We cared for 21 foreign missionaries free of cost, a number of home and state missionaries, and did other cooperative work.

Heaven's blessing has been upon us, and we are grateful to our Lord.  
Louis J. Bristow.

## WEST HELENA, ARKANSAS

The church here experienced a great revival which closed last Sunday night. There were 100 additions. 83 came for baptism and 17 by letter. Dr. Otto Whittington of Little Rock did the preaching and Mr. Norman Ferguson of Ft. Smith directed the music. We have never had a better team. With the pipe-organ, piano, and three choirs of 150 voices the music was a great inspiration to all. Dr. Whittington was at his best, and his messages were used of God with mighty power.

Since coming here three and a half years ago, we have had 509 additions to the church. 364 have come for baptism and 145 have come by letter. The present membership is over a thousand.

Cecil H. Franks.  
Missionaries of the Home Mission Board last year preached 32,221 sermons.

## COMMEDED

All the churches in Pearl River County Association, join Juniper Grove and Whitesand in a keen sense of loss caused by the going of Rev. Charles Hamlet, III, from them and us, to another fortunate pastorate.

He was a leader with us, cooperative, efficient and beloved by all.

We congratulate Decatur, Neshoba and that section of Mississippi for securing brother Charles as he is affectionately known here, and the expanding influence of his growing ministry.

Done by unanimous and hearty vote of the association in a called session at Carriere.

O. P. Estes  
L. E. Green  
S. P. Powell  
Committee

## OUR MEXICAN MISSION

A few weeks ago it was learned that five families of Mexicans lived near Morgan City, Miss. They were without school and church advantages. This presented a real challenge to our church.

Bro. S. A. Thompson, who is a wide awake, aggressive young man has assumed the responsibility of this new field of labor. Every Sunday afternoon he spends from two to three hours learning Spanish from the Mexicans and teaching them English so that the truth may be presented and understood. At present he has to relay the Gospel message to the group through their leader.

Dr. J. G. Chastin who was for many years a missionary in Mexico visited our mission recently. He had the people singing songs in their own tongue. He brought a Gospel message in Spanish to the delight of these "Strangers within our Gates." He is to be with us again in the near future.

Join us in praying God for the salvation of the entire group.  
C. J. Olander.

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## VICKSBURG FIRST CHURCH

The third annual Mother and Daughter "Garden of Memories" banquet was held Friday night at the First Baptist church annex by Alline Rogers and Lou Haworth Y. W. A's.

Mrs. Guy Arbuthnot presided as toastmistress.

"Along the Pathway" was the subject of a featured talk by Mrs. B. F. Marx. Other talks were given, while music was provided by a quartette composed of Thelma McRae, Mary Virginia Bennett, Helen Andrews and DeVera Heflin who sang "Mother Machree."

The general theme of the banquet was "Mother and Daughter."

Mrs. Wallace R. Rogers, of Pensacola, Fla., wife of Dr. Wallace R. Rogers, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, was a welcomed visitor and gave a short talk. Mrs. Rogers was organizer of the original Y.W.A. of the church.

Each mother present was given a pretty corsage of sweet peas. About 65 mothers and daughters attended the event.

The program follows:

"The Lord could not be everywhere, so He made mothers."

Soft music—Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Jr.

Invocation—Mrs. Swan Haworth.

Toastmistress—Mrs. Guy Arbuthnot.

"To Our Mothers—Looking Backward"—Helen Andrews.

"Our Daughters—Looking Backward"—Mrs. C. E. Trevillion.

Quartette, "Mother Machree"—Thelma McRae, Mary Virginia Bennett, Helen Andrews, and DeVera Heflin.

"Along the Pathway"—Mrs. B. F. Marx.

"Looking Forward"—Mary Joy Groome.

"Mother O'Mine"—Mary Virginia Bennett.

"To Our Daughters—Looking Forward"—Mrs. Z. E. Oswalt.

Benediction.

## IN MEMORY

Many hearts are sad at the going on Friday, May 3rd, of Mrs. Laura Campbell of the Providence Church, Choctaw County.

Mrs. Campbell was a staunch Baptist and had been for most of her life. She was a hard worker for God and His Cause. The church and its works came first with her. She left six fine Christian children, a number of grandchildren and countless friends. She was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Campbell was stricken with paralysis on April 30th and suffered tremendously. Her body was laid to rest in the New Haven cemetery. Rev. J. W. Kitchens conducted the burial services.

The members of the Providence Church are resolved to work hard to carry on the work Mrs. Campbell was doing.

Doyle B. Tennyson.

One of the chief accomplishments of the Home Mission Board teacher-missionaries on Negro campuses is in directing the student activities of more than 9,000 students enrolled in the schools where they teach.—Noble Y. Beall.

## LEAF RIVER CHURCH

Last November Leaf River Baptist Church building in Covington County about eight miles east of Collins burned on a Sunday afternoon while a B.T.U. program was going on and just about ten minutes before our worship service was to start. By the time the fire was discovered, it had made such head-way that we barely had time to get the old benches and the piano out before the ceiling began falling in.

After everything possible had been done, we went ahead with our service across the road, thanked God for the rich heritage of the past one hundred and twelve years' ministry of the church and sought His divine guidance and help in the future. We concluded the service with a collection for a building fund. That night the people met and prayed and then organized and set to work. In spite of much sickness among the members and a long siege of the coldest weather we can remember, we had rebuilt, paid for and gone into our new building by March. The old historic building had only one big room; our new building has eight rooms besides the main auditorium and the rooms are so arranged that our Sunday School can have all the needed departments. We expect to have the dedication on the first Sunday in June.

R. R. Brigance, Pastor.

## OBLIGATIONS AND WARNINGS

By C. S. Lumbley

"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; The night cometh when no man can work."—John 9:4.

That is the King James version. The recision reads; "We must, etc."

The difference between the two versions is but a difference between pronouns, "I must" or "we must" A translation of it, word for word, in its Greek order: "Us it necessitates to do the work of the one sending me while day is. Comes night when no man is able to work."

The true text associates God's people with God. It is not so much Jesus saying, "I, the Son of God, must do the work that I came to do," but "we," His people, as well as He.

On the night of April 22nd the souls of more than 200 negroes went out in an awful catastrophe. Some of them saved, others doubtless lost. Lost to the world, and lost to eternal life.

Almost the whole of the negro graduating class of the high school went to an early grave. This all goes to show that some one or more people are responsible for such a state of affairs.

What happens to these negroes could as easily happen to white people. As throughout the land such dens and beer parlors, dance halls, and the like hold forth glamorous invitations to the world's populace to join in an unholy revelry. And surely, it shows conclusively that only in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ are inculcated the lessons that serve as danger signals, warning people against such hazards.

The most beautiful flower in God's garden is the flower of Spiritual verity... And as the church is the

Bride of Christ, the garments of the members who compose the Church must necessarily be Spiritual and Eternal. But let us not be mistaken in the belief that "visible" Christianity is the essence of Spiritual Christianity.. The latter must be clothed in honesty and faithful obedience. The true character of Christian lives is composed of uprightness, devotion, truthfulness, generosity of heart, sympathetic with the wounds of suffering humanity, distributing wholeheartedly in both word and living in such manner as to vouchsafe the sovereignty and majesty of Christ. When real Christians wear the wardrobe of God's beautiful garden, they find the greatest of life's pleasures are wrapped up in a genuine desire to follow these virtues.

Not only must the individual Christian recognize that he is under a duty to "work the works of Him that sent, while it is day" but he must also realize what is meant by the latter admonition, that "the night cometh when no man worketh."

And when we consider the kernel of true Christian witnessing, what is our mission? Why did God plant this vine here? Why has He visited it so often? Does it not call for a close investigation? For us to humbly, courageously, faithfully and profoundly to press the question, who sent us, why and for what, and when? . . . The works of God: that is, the works which God prescribes for a church. . . We have no option. God prescribes the work, and defines its metes and bounds. His work must limit it.

The main function of Church members, willing to do the will of Christ, it's founder, is to lead souls

to salvation. This element taken out of the work of a Church leaves it without reason for existence. It is left standing a disconnected thing in God's universe.

And in order to reach such lost souls, we must remember that not only night comes to us, but also that boy or girl, that man or woman whom we should speak to regarding his soul's salvation, will come to these we are sent to save. Night here means death. Means the ending of the opportunity for living and doing, and the startling thing is none of us can say when it will come, or how clearly it will presage its coming. It may come with symptoms easily heralded or easily ascertained, or it may come suddenly without warning.

Take a backward look over your lives. How many days, how many nights, how many opportunities gone, dead, irrevocable, never returning! When you look back you cannot help feeling that I did not then work, then when I could, then when I was well and when God gave me strength. But it is gone, gone forever from me. There have been so many days and moments, so many months, years that I could have spoken, and was silent, and the loved ones grew up lost, and now I am dying, leaving them lost, and lost forever.

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# THAT HE MIGHT HAVE THE PRE-EMINENCE"

The standards and principles of the Mississippi Baptist Students were held high in the annual Spring Retreat at Legion Park near Louisville. "That He might have the pre-eminence" was the motto of the retreat and was effectively carried out in all the experiences of the students during the time together.

The opening session was begun by a song service led by Carmon Sharp, Mississippi College. To hear a hundred or more students uniting their efforts and voices in singing praises to their God was indeed a blessing that would have made the retreat worthwhile if nothing else had been done.

Billy Watson, B.S.U. President of Jones County Junior College, gave the opening devotional. He urged his fellow students to ask for what they wished the retreat to mean to them, and reminded them that, "Ye have not because ye ask not."

Cleo Harris, State B.S.U. President, reminded the students why they were there. He stated that B.S.U. had made college campuses Christian; that in unity there was power; that B.S.U. through the power of Christ can change a college campus; that the door was open to B.S.U. and power given to go through that door. Revelations 3:8.

In response to the words given by the president, a student of Mississippi State College, Quinn West, spoke for the students and voiced the reasons for coming. They had all come to discuss the duties of the B.S.U. officers, to find some definite service for Christ during the summer, and to find answers to various college campuses. Some of the problems that present themselves on the college campuses were; the phases of the religious activities that reach the most students, varying the religious programs so as to appeal to all students, the requiring of students to attend Sunday School, the election of sorority girls and fraternity men to offices on the B.S.U. Council, and then the very important question of putting Christ first.

A roll call of the colleges was taken and highlights from each campus reported. The work done among the Junior Colleges was a very gratifying evidence of the power and worthwhileness of the B.S.U.

The first study forum was conducted by Miss Rhobia Taylor, Student Secretary of M.S.C.W., who also discussed briefly a history of B.S.U. work. This history included its beginning on the Baylor University campus, the first B.S.U. Council at the University of Texas, and the work that the Southern Baptist Convention has done. Prerequisites and duties of the officers were discussed. Miss Taylor suggested to the students that the possibilities of the power of the B.S.U. is proportional to the prayer life.

After supper and a period of recreation, the evening service was begun by songs and a deeply spiritual devotional by the M.S.C.W. Baptist Players. The conversation of Paul was portrayed and that was followed by the B.S.U. Highway of Life on which students followed the road of Dereliction or Dedication.

The address of the evening, and probably the outstanding event of the retreat was given by Dr. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, who spoke on, "Christ Pre-eminent in the Individual." In a most charming and pleasing manner Dr. Tyler urged students to make witnessing personal and not mechanical, to change I to Him, and to reveal Christ as His character in redeeming lost men from their sins. Dr. Tyler said, "If Christ does not have the pre-eminence in the individual, He will have no pre-eminence."

Very appropriately placed was the meditation period following the address on Christ having pre-eminence in the individual, for, in large letters before the students appeared these words, "For me to live is . . . ?" The last word was to be supplied by the students themselves, which proved to be a very heart searching and life revealing activity.

Students then went across the lake and gathered for a camp fire service after which family altars were held in each cabin. Taps was then clearly and beautifully played by G. C. Hodge, Mississippi College. Thus ended a perfect day for students who were attempting to put Christ first in their lives.

A new day was begun by the morning watch service at which Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's Secretary, talked on "Power." She stated, "Power is useful only to the extent that it is harnessed and made use of." According to Miss Robinson, a spirit filled life or one full of power can be characterized by pure speech, a singing religion, gratitude, and brotherly love.

After a song service and devotional the B.S.U. Calendar of Events for the year was discussed. Good suggestions and ideas were developed along the activities such as Joint-church-day, Vocational Emphasis Week, Council Election and Installation.

In discussing the work that college students could do during the summer, it was found that there was some specific and definite work for about one hundred students. Lois Brimm, State B.S.U. Vice-President, led the discussion and several of the state workers gave suggestions concerning the summer work. At least two groups had been organized for work in student revivals, and the Baptist Training Union offered challenges to about sixty young people to help in study courses. The work among the R. A.'s and the G. A.'s offered opportunities for summer service in capacities of counsellors, teachers, recreational leaders, and many other phases of work among younger people. The possibilities of the Mississippi Baptist Students are great for this summer.

Julia Herring, State Ridgecrest Representative, gave such a beautiful and inspirational picture of Ridgecrest that those who had never been determined to go, and those who had been promised themselves to return. Plans are being made for at least three buses to go from Mississippi.

It didn't take much discussion about the place of the State B.S.U. Convention, for M.S.C.W. issued to the Mississippi State B.S.U. an invitation to hold its annual convention on that campus in the fall. Baptist Students throughout the state shall be looking forward to the coming convention with much anticipation.

The Baptist Student Magazine was interestingly discussed by the State Representative, Mary Maude Thetford. She related instances of the influence of the "Baptist Student" on the campus as an aid in the enlistment of students in the various activities of the B.S.U.

The second study forum was conducted by Miss Rhobia Taylor. Since the various offices had been discussed, she led the discussion on the work of the committees.

The program of the retreat would not have been complete without some word from the State B.S.U. President of the past year. So, T. C. Clark gave the morning address on, "Christ Pre-eminent in the Organization." He very forcefully stated that the trouble with the organization of today is that Christ is not in it. "Our organizations need to be feeding Christians spiritually," he stated. For Christ to have pre-eminence in the organization, the organization must be lubricated with prayer and be saturated with Christian love. He also urged and challenged the students to make witnessing for Christ in the organization personal and not mechanical.

The first part of the afternoon was spent in clinics for officers and individual council meetings. The State B. S. U. Officers led the clinics for all the corresponding officers and plans were discussed for the coming scholastic year. After the officers clinics, each council had a regular weekly meeting.

The closing address was made by Rev. D. A. McCall. He spoke on, "Be Thou Faithful." and his message was very fitting for the closing moments of the retreat. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Every student will remember Dr. McCall as having said, "Go back to your campus and put into doing all these things, and pay attention to those who are spiritually wounded." "Die before being unfaithful" was one of the last things sounded out to the Baptist Students of Mississippi.

One could not help but be reminded that while youth was marching against youth and killing one another in the lands across the sea, youth was marching with youth and uniting efforts in making Christ pre-eminent in their lives first and then in their school campus here in Mississippi—yes, even in America!

Cleo White,  
State B.S.U. Reporter.

## SEMINARY

In a very impressive service last evening Bro. Julius Bass was ordained as a deacon by the Seminary Baptist Church.

The Ordaining Council was composed of the deacons of Seminary, Mt. Horeb and Sumrall churches, also four Covington County pastors, Rev. Reece Rogers, Rev. Q. A. Sullivan, Rev. J. E. Cranford and Rev. T. W. Talkington.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Bro. Reece Rogers and the

ordaining prayer was offered by Bro. J. E. Cranford.

Bro. Bass is a rural mail carrier, but his first interest is his church. He is a tither; has family worship; is an officer in the Brotherhood and sponsors the Group Prayer Meetings, which have proven very successful.

Sincerely,  
T. W. Talkington, Pastor.

## TESTIMONY

(From Wake Forest Alumni News)

"A recent check-up at the college reveals that approximately one-third of the 1,082 students enrolled are sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, and nephews of Alumni. This condition speaks for itself. It is a trend for which the faculty and professors at the college are profoundly grateful and happy. For one thing, it shows that the old campus is a place where traditions are maintained.

Another evidence of faith which the alumni have in Wake Forest is the regularity with which they are providing for the college in their wills. Just recently Dr. Wayland Mitchell, class of 1891, of Windsor, left the medical school \$25,000. Likewise Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd (dear "Old Slick") endowed a chair of English literature which will bear his name. And, just the other day, we learned that Mrs. R. L. Bridger of Bladenboro provided for the college in her will. You can't keep a college down that has that sort of backing. As Wake Forest grows, the needs, of course, will increase, but we are confident that they will be supplied."

The above article clipped from the Wake Forest College Alumni News should challenge every alumni of Mississippi Baptist Schools.

And certainly if North Carolina Baptists can remember Wake Forest in their wills, Mississippi Baptist should do likewise. Are we willing to admit that North Carolina Baptist love their college better than Mississippi Baptist love theirs.

A. L. Goodrich.

In a Southern Baptist Convention program featuring evangelism, Dr. J. B. Lawrence expects that Home Mission Board night on Wednesday, June 12, will set the spiritual tempo for a great week at Baltimore.

## Pull the Trigger on Constipation, and Pepsin-ize Acid Stomach Too

When constipation brings on acid indigestion, bloating, dizzy spells, gas, coated tongue, sour taste, and bad breath, your stomach is probably loaded up with certain undigested food and your bowels don't move. So you need both Pepsin to help break up fast that rich undigested food in your stomach, and Laxative Senna to pull the trigger on those lazy bowels. So be sure your laxative also contains Pepsin. Take Dr. Caldwell's Laxative, because its Syrup Pepsin helps you gain that wonderful stomach comfort, while the Laxative Senna moves your bowels. Tests prove the power of Pepsin to dissolve those lumps of undigested protein food which may linger in your stomach, to cause belching, gastric acidity and nausea. This is how Pepsin-izing your stomach helps relieve it of such distress. At the same time this medicine wakes up lazy nerves and muscles in your bowels to relieve your constipation. So see how much better you feel by taking the laxative that also puts Pepsin to work on that stomach discomfort, too. Even finicky children love to taste this pleasant family laxative. Buy Dr. Caldwell's Laxative—Senna with Syrup Pepsin at your druggist today!

## SOUL WINNING CAMPAIGN

Since the sixteenth of April, it had been my privilege to be in three wonderful revival meetings with the following churches: First Church, Clarksdale, with Dr. N. D. Timmerman, with Dr. J. M. Dawson, First Church Waco, Texas, doing the preaching, and the Spirit of the Lord fell upon us during those days, and there were added unto the church 42 souls. Bless His Holy Name. What a great joy it was to work with this wonderful pastor and his delightful people.

We then were called by the church people of Philadelphia, with pastor Rev. R. K. Corder, in which meeting Rev. W. A. Bell was the speaker for our Lord, and what a privilege it was to sing and know that you were to be followed with such a message as Brother Bell always has to deliver for his Master and Lord. The people of the church know more about winning the lost than one will find in many churches of the Southland. Bless their hearts it was a joy to see 18 souls come to our Lord.

We are just home from the meeting with the Leakesville Baptist Church where Rev. W. E. Stewart is doing a wonderful work to have an entire county to pastor. It was a delight to this singer, to be with Rev. Barney Walker, who was the visiting speaker during the meeting. Blessings upon Bro. Walker as he continues for the Lord. Bro. Barney has a heart-searching message that goes home to each person and it was our privilege to see 21 souls added to the church during the meeting. My heart is thrilled as I see souls saved. I have never seen a day in my life, when the Lord's Kingdom needed "He Men" to stand in every place and tell the Gospel Truth as it is found in Christ Jesus our Lord, as is needed this day, and NOW.—Earl C. Edwards, Singer.

## BASSFIELD

We are now in the midst of our most successful Vacation Bible School. The enrollment is twice that of previous years and interest is high, both with children and teachers. The new Vacation books are good and mean very much to the success of the work. We are furnishing part of the transportation for the children which accounts for some of the increase in attendance.

Last Sunday being Mother's Day, we had the largest attendance ever in Sunday School, likewise a good worship service. We are hearing expressions of appreciation for the Record that is going to Every Family, for some months now. We know it is doing good.

We are looking forward to our July Meeting with Rev. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi preaching for us and Brother Joe Canzonari to lead the singing. May we unite in prayer, one for the other that God will bless all our summer meetings this year.

A. B. Hill, Pastor.

Home Board workers in 1939 distributed 40,326 Bibles and Scripture portions.

Teacher: "A biped is anything that goes on two feet. Bobbie, can you name one?"

Bobbie: "A pair of shoes."

## VISITS HOLLY SPRINGS

It was my privilege to work with the Brotherhood of the Holly Springs Baptist Church in a revival for men. Services were conducted each weekday evening from Monday through Friday. Although the services were for men only, nothing was said or done that could not have been done in any church service. The idea came from the Brotherhood itself, with the purpose of enlisting more of the men members of the church in active service.

The men who were active in the Brotherhood did some advertising about the meeting and took the church roll to get all of the names of the men, and visited them the day before the meeting. The attendance was better than expected, the largest number being about 100 for one night. Many who came were not regular in church attendance, and some came most every service who rarely ever attended regular services.

This was not a soul-winning effort, but that of enlistment. The men listened eagerly as well as attentively. The singing was an inspiration that would help any preacher do his best. The last two nights many of the men came forward publicly pledging their purpose of rededication to the Lord, and to the service of His church. It was a great experience which I hope many of our churches will have.

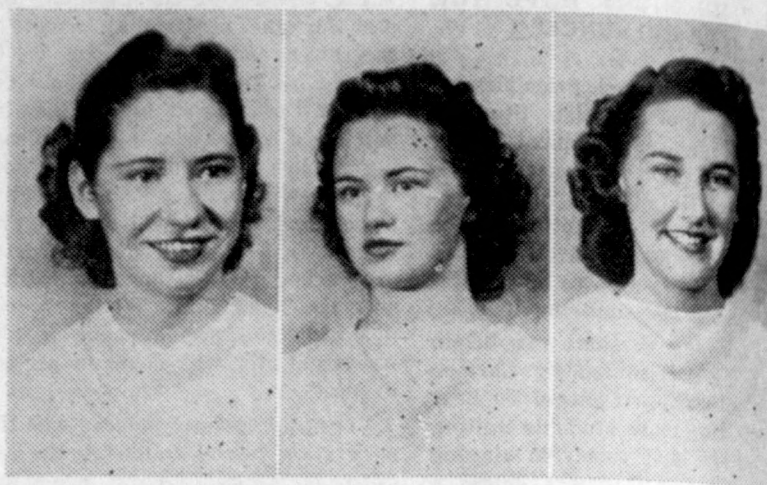
If other churches are interested in this kind of meeting for their men, they might correspond with Dr. Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs, Miss., and he will be glad to give anyone the details they used in preparing for and conducting the meeting. There are some of the most consecrated laymen in this good church that we have met anywhere, and we predict for them and their new pastor, Rev. Edward Byrd, a great future in the Lord.

Sincerely,  
A. B. Pierce.

## ELLISVILLE W.M.S. STRESSES YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Ellisville W.M.S. had a most interesting and inspiring program Monday May 6th on the theme: "Youth Steadfast for Christ." The Margaret Lackey Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. H. E. Meyers program chairman, presented the program. The programs were very clever little buses with these words on side of the buses "W.M.U. Goes to Camp." The program was planned as "A Day at Camp." The Young People's Director presented a representative from each of the young people's auxiliaries, who told how his or her auxiliary had made him or her steadfast for missions. The Ella Ward Allison Circle was hostess. The following women from this circle were hostesses: Mrs. C. S. Williams, Mrs. C. W. Jenkins, Mrs. W. J. Browning and Mrs. Myrtle Hill.

An old lady had three preacher sons, and one that practiced law. She was asked by a stranger as to the occupation of her sons. She said, "Three preach and one practices."



Blue Mountain College class officers for next session. L to R: Mary Nell Edwards, Panther Burn, senior; Marion Dempsey, Lexington, Massachusetts, junior; Peggy Chastain, Lexington, Mississippi, sophomore.

## REVIVAL IN COLDWATER

One of the happiest experiences which can come to any man has been mine—to go back to the old home church for a series of services. Rev. W. O. Beaty, the cultured and efficient pastor, had made excellent preparation and large congregations attended every service. The song service was conducted by Mr. Gale Dunn, of the Temple Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn., and was uplifting and deeply spiritual. Brother Dunn's well-trained voice lent itself beautifully to the presentation of soul-stirring messages in song. There were ten accessions to the church membership. Memories of bygone days, faces of friends and loved ones now in the "Other Land," experiences out of the past kept crowding through my mind. But the Lord was gracious unto us!

Friends of other years all around came to worship with us, and Dr. H. L. Martin brought a fine host of praying friends with him on Wednesday evening. Visitors from Memphis, Como, Love Station, and Marks added their presence and prayers. Brother Beaty's mother, a lovely Christian character, now in her eightieth year, was able to be with us in one service.

Brother Beaty's ministry is constructive and the saints in Coldwater are rallying in a fine way to his splendid leadership. The government contemplates moving the town to a new site as a part of its flood control program. The church is most fortunate in having a man of such poise, stability and capacity for leadership at this time.

I. D. Eavenson  
Cleveland, Miss.

The Intermediate Union of Southside Baptist Church met Tuesday night April 30, and elected new officers as follows:

President, Rosalie Strickland.  
Vice-President, Edna Ervin.  
Secretary, Lorraine Vaughn.  
Corresponding Secretary, Rubie Lee Ragsdale.  
Group Captain No. 1., Doris Royden.  
Group Captain No. 2., Gladys Elliott.

With Mrs. Cooper as our leader we expect to have a very successful quarter.

Rubie Lee Ragsdale.

## S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	1092
" Davis Church	232
" Southside Church	98
Drew Church	220
Concord, Franklin Co.	102
Unity, Greene Co.	86
New Albany, May 12	445
New Albany	429
McComb, First Church	433
Crystal Springs	324
New Zion, Copiah, May 12	100
New Zion, Copiah	84
Sturgis Church	100
Liberty Church	175
Immanuel, Hattiesburg	150
Sardis Church	124
West Laurel	693
Vicksburg, First	558
Pace Church	71
Laurel, 2nd Ave.	449
Sylvarena, Yalobusha Co.	30
Pass Christian	51
Pascagoula	253
Bethlehem, Jones Co.	108
Eupora Church	109
Double Spgs., Webster	44
Main St., Hattiesburg	434
Brookhaven Church	566
Richton Church	218
Bethel No. 3, Sunflower	101
Heuck's Retreat, Lincoln	82
Liberty Hill	135
Bay St. Louis	41
Pelahatchie	45

Angler (to friend). "Yes, the fish was too small to bother with, so I got two men to throw it back into the water."

A total of 660,847 tracts were distributed by Home Board workers last year.

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN F. BREWER

On March 25th, 1940, God in His all wise providence removed from our midst, a man whom every one knew as Uncle John Brewer. He was born Sept. 14, 1856.

Uncle John was a charter member of Pleasant Hill Baptist church, organized in 1895. He has been a faithful and zealous member ever since. He was a man of unquestionable character, rigid honesty, deep conviction and humble spirit.

His wife preceded him to the grave eleven years ago. He was the father of 12 children, 9 of whom are now living, 68 grand children and 46 great grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Turner, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church